GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

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January 6th 1987.

Dear

Hello! How are you? Well, I hope! I hope you had a good holiday break.

I have been thinking about what the centre currently offers for gay men and it seems to me that we need to be providing a regular weekly, social meeting for those currently involved with the group and for new gay men to come to. We could use the centre from 6-9 on Tuesday evenings offering food, pool, video's, tea, coffee, music, chat etc. With transport we could go on to a pub or disco as people wished. What do you think? I need to know from you if you think its a workable idea and if you would come to it. I like the idea of running the evenings with a few friends, and I thought of you!!

Please let me know soon (either at home 692 5097 or at the above no. on Mon, Tues or Wed) as I'd like to get it off the ground in the next newsletter.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Love

David Simpson

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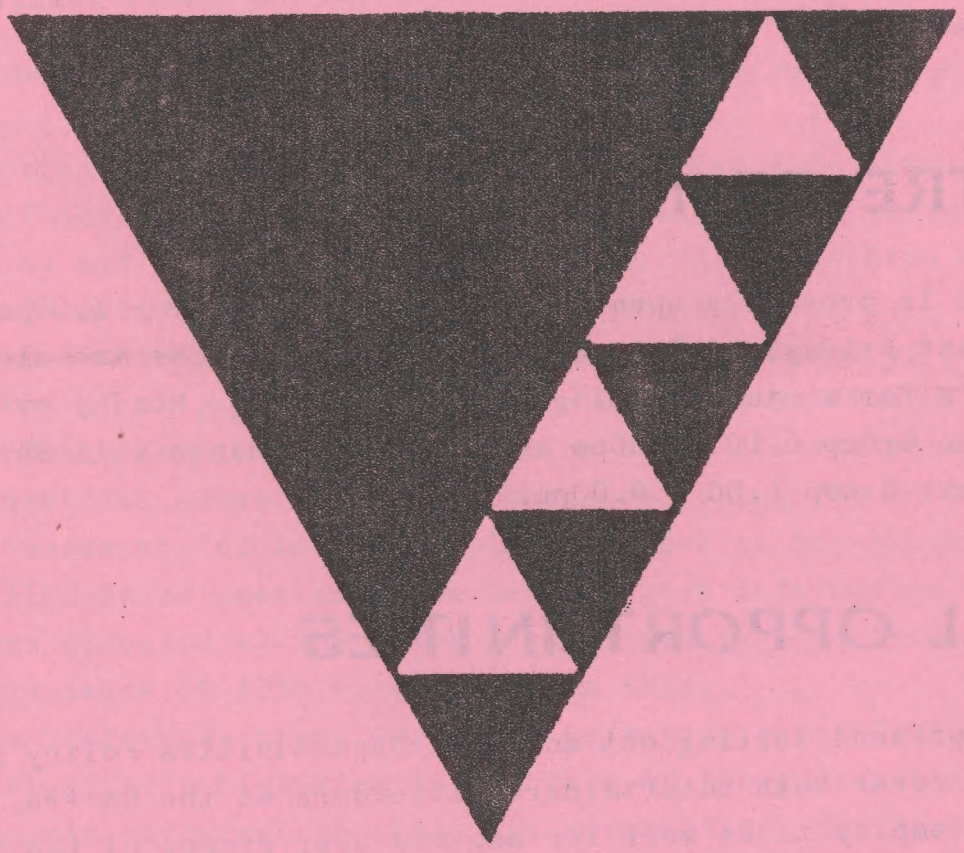
GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

FEBUARY NEWSLETTER



INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY PEOPLE OF COLOUR CONFERENCE REPORT

OPEN MEETING

February's business meeting will be on Friday 6th of February at 6.30 at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road, SE IO. In the past we have had some food at the meetings and followed them with some form of entertainment. At the last management committee meeting it was deceided that we would no longer provide food or entertainment but would mxet together in the bar upstairs at West Greenwich House after the business meeting is finished. The weekly lesbian and gay men's groups will function more effectively as a contact point.

* Items that have been put forward for the agenda include the following; Publicity for the Centre, Childcare Provision, Centre opening Times, workers availability, resources at the Centre, Setting up a counselling service, volunteers and new members on the Managment Commitee and to do newsletter.

CENTRE OPENING TIMES

The Centre is presently open in the afternoons 2.00 - 4.00pm Monday, Tuesday, and Friday,and Thursday's I.00 - 5.00pm. We are closed on Wednesday's for a staff meeting in the afternoon. Monday evenings is the Lesbian Group 6.00 -9.00pm and Tuesday evenings will shortly be the Gay Mens Group 6.00 - 9.00pm.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are at present sorting out an Equal Oppurtunities Policy for the Centre, to cover both entertainers, attenders at the Centre, and workers we employ to do work for us, and user groups of the Centre.

LESBIAN & GAYLINE GREENWICH

Due to difficulties in accomodation and the lack of apparent need for a locally based phoneline, Lesbian and Gay Line Greenwich has ceased to exist.

THE CENTRE IS AT 17 BOWATER RD, WOOLWICH SE18. PHONE 316 5954 for DETAILS!!

LESBIAN & GAY PEOPLE

OF COLOUR CONFERENCE

Last November Keith went to the Lesbian and Gay People of Colour Conference in Los Angeles. The conference was attended by about 200 people, about fifty/fifty women and men. They were mainly USer's: native north American Indians,Latinos,Asians and Blacks,with some peole from Mexico and eight people from Britain.Although in this sense it was not an International conference,the USer's heritages reflected a wider population.

The main objective of the conference was to draw U.S. attention to a vision of the future and to look at what was needed to achieve it. Alot of time and attention was put to AIDS. There has been a lack of correct information being directly aimed at the Black community and this is reflected in the higher instance of people with AIDS in the Black gay community. There was also mention of the fact that many Black lesbians and gay men are being discriminated against on the commercial scene. Clubs and bars are asking for an increasing number of documents of identification in order to bar blacks. In relation to AIDS Keith sees an equal lack of good information specifically written and directed at the Black communities in this country and fears a higher instance of AIDS resulting from this.

During the conference there were many workshops several of which focused on recovering their histories in the face of the oppression of lesbian and gay people of colour in their own communities. The Black Lesbian and Gay Centre members who attended the conference held a workshop in which they looked at the forms of the oppression in Britain and inthe U.S. Clear examples of this were the La Roche initiative in California which got successfully defeated in a public referendum (La Roche wanted quaratine camps for people who had the AIDS virus) and the current struggle in Haringey over education and positive images of lesbians and gay men.There was also discussion in this workshop about the terms used in the US and in Britain. In the US people of colour is used for what we in Britain call Black.

Keith is writing a longer and more personal account of his four days there which will be available in the next few weeks. Place your orders NOW!!!

NEW GAY MEN'S GROUP

You have probably noticed that the lesbianssin the project have been busy over the last couple of monthsrunning their Monday evening group and various other activities. Well now it's the gay men who are getting organised as well!!
David has spoken with several of you who use the centre or have helped us out recently about the possibility of setting up a weekly gay men's group which would meet at the centre on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 with a possible pub/club visit afterwards and the general feeling has been that it would be a very good idea and that several men are happy to help in the running of it. So we have set a date for the start of the weekly meetings February 10th. The centre has pool table,videos,television,cards and board games and darts. So far the idea is for us to get together on a social basis, to make new friends, continue old ones and to be a place where men who are new to the centre can come and meet the male workers and other men who are around.
So get out your diaries and write in TUESDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 10th 6pm til 9pm at the centre.

SHORTS

This is going to be a space where gay men can mention anything around that relates to gay men. Please send or phone in any contributions.

Theatre

Breaking the Code-Haymarket Theatre Royal. Still running. The play is about Alan Turing who cracked a wartime code pioneered the computer and was hounded for his gayness.

A Vision of Love Revealed In Sleep-Battersea Arts Centre(Feb.18-21) A new performance piece by Neil Bartlett(Pornography) based on an homoerotic text by turn of the century gay artist Simeon Solomons.(Well that's what it says in the press release!!)

On the Move-Oval House. A new play by Nigel Young,a veteran of the gay scene in London,will be on at the Oval some time soon so watch out for it.

Movies

Parting Glances-the latest American gay men's movie which came out a couple of months ago and is defintely worth chasing if you can still find it on in London.

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Passion of Remembrance by Issac Julien/Maureen Blackwood. A film which looks at the history and current state of the black community and its response to black gay men and black women. worth seeing.

* *Books*

Blackbird/Eight Days a Week by Larry Duplechan. David has read the first one (he got it for Christmas) and enjoyed and now Keith is reading it. Easy to read novels by this new black gay American writer.

The Hunger by David Rees. A very good historical gay novel set in Ireland in the 1840's involving a love affair between an Irish peasant and an English landowner.

Carnivorous Lamb by Augustin Gomez-Arcos.
David couldn't put this one down. Set in Spain at the time of the fascist takeover it tells of the love between two brothers. And I mean love!!

You can get all these books at Colletts on Charing Cross Road. The gay section is immediately on your right downstairs as well as at Gay's the Word, Marchmont St.

* *Places*

First Out-vegetarian cafe open from 11am till midnight, just under Centerpoint at Tottenham Court Road tube. 52 St. Giles St. This gay cafe is in a good position for a drink or a meal whilst you are out struggling to buy the books we've mentioned above!!

Franklins-this bar is virtually in the Astoria at Tottenham Court tube. The entrance is the door on the left of the doors into the Astoria. This bar is quiet and has easy chairs so you can hear yourself think. A very good place for a queit drink in town.

Stallions Tea Dance-Every Sunday from 5pm at Stallions (Falconberg Court WC 1) there is a tea dance. For your £1.50 you get a plate of sandwiches and a cake and as much tea as you can drink. You can practise the waltz, tango, jive and fox-trot alomg with a very mixed and friendly crowd. I highly recommend a visit as it really is a wonderful afternoon.

LESBIAN GROUP

Meets Mondays 6.00-9.00 pm at the Centre, Third floor, I7 Bowater Rd, Westminster Industrial Estete, Woolwich SEI8. After 9.00 we move to the Thames Barrier Pub, up the road for more chat and a drink.
The group offers social support, advice, laughs and a place to meet other lesbians in the area either to chat or organise together. We have lots of resources at the Centre including pool, snooker, darts, games, books to borrow, videos and magazines.
FOR MORE DETAILS AND INFORMATION RING MAGGIE ON 3I6 5954 MONDAYS 6-9.00 OR THURSDAYS I.00-5.00pm

LESBIAN GROUP FEEDBACK

LESBIAN NIGHT OUT. The night out that was planned for the 20th of December went very well. Five of us made it to Diwani's Indian restaurant, near Euston and later after a really enjoyable meal we went onto the 'Below Stairs Disco' at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre till the early hours.

GAMES AFTERNOON. We held a games afternoon and evening for the lesbian group on the 29th of December. The whole event was a great success with everyone wishing it could go on past nine o'clock, but unfortunatly the centre at present has to close then. We had a record attendance of fifteen, including two lesbians with children(we provided both childcare allowance and a creche). Everyone brought massess of food and drink and 'Trivial Pursuits' was played and we watched the film 'Desperatly Seeking Susan' later on in the day. Another event is to be planned soon but in one of the members homes as we want to go on longer

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE. Some of the lesbians attending the group also attended the above course set up and run by David, another worker last year. They felt very positive about the workshops, which covered a different topic each week and want to see another one set up which would be lesbian only not mixed. The discussion group would either happen on the same night as the lesbian group or some other time in the week either at the centre or at people's houses. Topics and speakers have not yet been decided upon. Look in newsletter for more details.

LESBIANS - EASTER BREAK 1987

EASTER BREAK 1987. The planned holiday for Easter to Glastonbury's 'Harmony Centre' is to go ahead, a coach(12 seater) has been provisionaly booked from a community group in the Borough and the Centre is also booked for the week of the 11th - 18th April. Places may still be available for those attending the Monday night group if required. The cost is £33 per person exclusive of food and petrol. We are at present looking into funding to subsidise unwaged members so they can afford to come.

CHILD CARE AT THE CENTRE

We aim to try and provide a childsafe enviroment at the Centre, but at present we have no resources for children toys, books, paper & pencils etc., we hope to rectify this as soon as possible.(Donations Kindly accepted, as long as in fairly good nick.) In the meantime we provide childcare allowance of £1.50 an hour to carers and if it demands it a creche. So if you have care of children and wish to attend a group or events don't hesitate to call and arrange for the allwance to be paid to you. Children are always welcome at the Centre, so if all else fails bring them along too.

FREE PUBLICITY FOR US

For those of you who live in Lewisham you will have recently had a leaflet through your front door from the Icthus Christian Fellowship giving us some wonderful examples of Lewisham's policies and commitment to lesbians and gay men (all power to Helen and Tim!!) Unfortuneately they include their own opinion and interpretations of what these policies will mean in practise,all of which I am sure you have your own feelings about. (Hands up who burnt their's?!!) Lewisham will have produced a press statement which will have some value but it is clear that gay men in Lewisham need to get together to talk about our support of these policies.There will be another meeting of gay men and lesbians in Lewisham in February to discuss policy and spending £20,000. Any ideas??. Look out in the press or ring us for more details. In the meantime write to your councillor and MP. in support of these policies.

Ring 690 6368 Outreach Team for the date of open meeting.

WORKER INTERVIEW : KEITH

And now for a brand new feature! The newsletter is generally a rather faceless collection of news items and diary events but we are now going to change all that. We are going to do occasional interviews with men connected with the centre. And the first interview is with Keith Trotman one of the two male workers.

KEITH,TELL US ABOUT WHERE YOU WERE BORN AND HAVE LIVED?
I was born in Rotherhithe on May 10th 1966 and spent the first four years of my life there. Then we moved to Walworth where I lived till I was 19. After ten months in Slade Green I moved to Deptford where I've lived ever since.
WHEN DID YOU COME OUT?
That's a difficult question to answer. In a typical gay context I came out three years ago but I've really come out twice. When Iwas nearly fourteen I realised names like poof and queer were me. It wasn't a secret in that I didn't know that Iwas or because I thought it was wrong. I just didn't know which words to call it. Then I went into the closet because the shit hit the fan after first coming out. I went into the closet so that I could be what my friends and peers wanted me to be. Then later I had to come out of that.
HOW DO YOU BEST RELAX?
Music. There are three ways, all of which realte to music. Firstly dimming the lights in a room and playing any sort of music,music that emphasises my mood but which ends up making me feel quite relaxed. Secondly,producing tapes, usually compilations and doing primitive mixes on my primitive record player. Thirdly playing the synthesiser. Sometimes not aiming to produce a tune,though I often work on two or three tunes all at once,but making noises and effects.I have no musical training nor do I have any desire to learn to read music.
IS IT RIGHT THAT YOU ARE AN AVID WATCHER OF EAST ENDERS?
Yes. I get annoyed if I miss one. I don't watch Dynasty or Dallas. My favorite characters are: Dot,Ethel,Angie,when she's having a fit. It's nice having a gay couple but Colin makes me yawn and Barry needs a good kick up the arse. Now Arthur's a favorite. It's very moving what's happening to him and he's playing it so well. All those big feelings contained in his little body.

WHY DID YOU APPLY FOR AND TAKE THE GREENWICH JOB WITH THIS CENTRE?

I was in a dead end job working for a local diary company. I was disheartened with it,all the glitter had gone out of it as my "first job". There was no union representation and it was very racist and sexist. This job gives me more money for less hours. I am working with the type of people I wanted to. I have worked as a volunteer for two years with the South London Lesbian and Gay Young People's Group but I never imagined I could get a job working with and for lesbians and gay men. I thought I'd give it a try,what did I have to lose?

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT IT?

I enjoy working with David. I enjoy the challenge of having to create your own work and pursuing your own ideas and beliefs. For example creating a group to go around schools and youth clubs to talk specifically about homosexuality and a group moving away from the traditional Black British culture i.e. originating from the Jamaican cultural experience, where all lesbian and gay people of colour can express their cultural backgrounds freely. I look forward to the centre being used more,having volunteers and maybe in the future moving to larger premises in a more accessible location.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING A GAY MAN?

I like that being gay meant that I could find the youth group and people who've had links with it. It's nice to know there are so many people who really do care who aren't blood related.To care so much.I like the friendship.Being removed from all the complications if being a man and the sexual structure of working class society i.e. the man does this and the woman does that,all that aggression and passivity. There! And not even a mention of sex!!

WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE ABOUT BEING GAY?

I dislike the exploitation by the commercial gay scene. The way the so called "gay culture"(though I don't really think there is one) is just so fragmented in little camps like lesbians versus gays and lesbian feminists and commercial scene queens and the jewish group and black group. They are all needed but people are entrenched and really only bothered to come together when they are called on mass i.e. gay pride. We are still not acting as one community.

WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING BLACK AND GAY?

Quite difficult. It's a mixture of things. I tend to think more about the shit I get for being black and gay.

I think it's made me really strong,given me the boost to do the things I always wanted to do,not to let things go. There's no other benefit of being both that I can think of right now because I am left out of both communities: in the Black community for not being their definition of being Black and for being gay;and in the general community for being black and gay as well.

WHAT ABOUT IN THE GAY COMMUNITY?

Oh gawd don't talk to me about the gay community. There is a hell of alot of racism in the gay community expressing itself in what people are looking for sexually,expecting you to play a role.

WHAT ROLES?

It's so stereotypical,like being submissive or ultra savage. I've had alot of the submissive expectations. With cruising it's the extra looks. When you enter a gay club or pub you can see it on their faces: "look there's a young black guy walking through the door" not just a young guy but a black young guy. It makes you really wonder when someone approaches you. You wonder what they are really thinking. It's not just in sex or relationships but also with friends, I worry about why they want to be my friend, what they really want.

WHAT WOULD YOUR LIFE BE LIKE IF THERE WAS NO RACISM OR GAY OPPRESSION.?

I can't say because I've always been fighting against it and I will till I die. It'll get less but it's too far away.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AROUND YOU IN RELATION TO BEING BLACK AND GAY THAT GIVES YOU HOPE?

This is going to sound as vain as shit! Probably the group I'm planning for the Black lesbian and gay community. The present view of what is Black is so narrow and misses out so many people who really do need it,for not being Black enough (culturally and in terms of skin colour). My group is going to move away from the idea of what is Black and move away from what is the right cultural experience. And move to the person themselves who is more important so that they can recognise themselves as a person of colour.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING BLACK?

For a long time I didn't recognise or like myself for being Black. I I've had shit from both sides;for being Black on the one hand and for not being Black enough on the other. Only recently have I realised that it's not about living up to somebody else's mark of what is the right cultural stance to take but that my own cultural stance is as important and as valid as anyone else's.

WHAT IS YOUR CULTURAL STANCE?

South East London basically. My family has lived here for over six generations in this part of Deptford and Greenwich. Every generation has been partly made up of immigrants. My mother's family comes from other parts of this country(Scotland and Ireland),other parts of Europe(the Netherlands) and the world(Jewish). My dad's family,most recently is from the West Indies(Barbados) but also originates from other parts of the world(Mexico and Africa). My culture and history is a mix of all this and South East London.

HOW'S YOUR LOVE LIFE?

(Deep sigh) Hasn't been successful of late really. I've had to do alot of hard thinking over the last year and a bit.

TELL ME ABOUT SOME OF THE BEST TIMES IN YOUR LOVE LIFE.

Well,a train experience with an ex-lover on a train from New Cross to Waterloo.!

Geoff,another ex-lover,that I met at the queenage group. I saw his photo in a book they produced and I came out with a corny "Isn't that you?" It was the quickest time I've fallen into someone's mouth. It was romantic. Just like one of those long hot summer days sitting talking in the grounds of the teenage group,making eyes at each other, fumbly and clumsy in a nice nervous way,not sexual,just touching another man.

Thank you Keith very much.

Interviewed by David for the newsletter. January 1987.

HOUSING

As workers at the centre we are often asked about housing and we normally suggest people get in touch with the DYFAH(Dykes and Faggots Housing) as the only existing scheme that offers lesbians and gay men any hope. We recently had a discussion with Housing Rights and they said that there might be a possibility of short-life housing from the council. We propose that if any of you are interested in setting up some kind of h_using scheme for lesbians and gay men, anything from short-life to housing co-ops/associations we suggest you come along to the open meeting on February 6th at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road, SE IO at 8.30 and find the group either in one of the rooms or in the bar and ask for Alan who is interested. If you can't make it then give us a ring.

Alcoholic's Counselling Service is running a week's counselling course for lesbians and gay men who are interested in learning how to counsel lesbians and gay men with alcohol problems. The course is open to anyone who lives or works in Lewisham,Southwark, or Lambeth. It will run from April 6-IOth. RingA.C.S. 737-3579 for further details.

MASSAGES

We have heard that the college of Holistic Medicine (Old Hall, East Bergholt, Colchester,Essex.) are looking for people who would be willing to be practised on by students learning to massage. So if you want a free,and maybe more than one!,massage please write to the above address for further information.

SETTING UP A BUSINESS

Are you at all interested in setting up a business with a couple of friends? Are you interested in joining a credit union to which you would put in a certain amount of money each month and would then be entitled to withdraw amuch larger sum periodically? Are you interested in setting up a workers co-op? A laundrette? A cafe? A craft shop? Anything for that matter!!
On Friday 6th February at West Greenwich House after the business meeting Alistair Thompson,the outreach worker from the Employment Development unit will be there to talk about all of the above and more. So don't be shy,come along at around 8.I5,whether you have any clear idea or not.

MARK BUNYAN

MON 9th FEB

AT 9.00pm. IN THE CELLAR-BAR.

CALDERWOOD ST. ENTRANCE OF

THAMES POLY S.U. BUILDING IN

WOOLWICH.

BAR & DISCO TILL 12.30.

ADMISSION £2.00/1.50 STUDENTS/U.B.40

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

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LESBIAN GROUP

Meets Mondays 6.00-9.00 at the Centre, Third floor, I7 Bowater Road, Westminster Industrial Estate, Woolwich SEI8. After 9.00 we move to the Thames Barrier Pub, up the road from the Centre for the rest of the evening.

There is a regular group of about twelve women attending now and we are planning lots of events and socials. We are using quite a lot of the Centres resources and have been coming into the Centre on other evenings to watch videos and play pool and snooker. Quite a few women are coming into the Centre on Thursdays Open Afternoon as well.

FOR MORE DETAILS AND INFORMATION RING MAGGIE ON 3I6 5954 MONDAYS 6-9.00 OR THURSDAYS 2-5.00pm.

LESBIAN GROUP UPDATE

JUMBLE SALE & GRAND AUCTION HELP NEEDED

We desperately need good jumble, auction items, an auctioneer, helpers male or female on the day and to sort the stuff the week before at the Centre, cakes and goods for the hamper we are going to raffle.

JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 7th MARCH 1987 AT 2.00 AT WEST GREENWICH HOUSE GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, SEIO.(buses 177& 180 & BRGreenwich.) *Please come along!!*

So far we are planning a Mammoth Jumble Sale and Grand Auction to raise funds for the Lesbian Easter Holiday for twelve women to go to Glastonbury for a week at Eastertime.

Items already donated include a bicycle, dimlex radiator, bathroom ceiling heater, set of pool balls and many more. We also plan to have extensive refreshments, including a popcorn stand, a'GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE COMPETITION' and an Easter Hamper Raffle, full of lovely goodies.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY – 8th MARCH

On International Wimmins Day we are hoping to all meet up at Carring Cross Boat Ferry and take the boat to Kew Gardens, where weather permitting -itting we are hoping to have a shared picnic and go round the hot houses and later go onto a wimmins event in central London in the evening.

LESBIAN EASTER HOLIDAY 11th 18th APRIL 1987

The holiday is going ahead according to plan, and the fundraising has been organised for the jumble and grand auction on March 7th.
There are ten women going on the holiday now so there are two places vacant for late comers.
Everyone is getting really excited and looking forward to it and getting lots of ideas for things to do while we are down in Somerset. Some of these include walks, windsurfing, canoeing , outings out to places nearbye - Glastonbury Tor, Bath, Bristol and of course the sea-side.

The next edition of the newsletter will have an interview with one of the lesbians involved in the Centre.

PUBLICITY & STICKERS.

We are at present having a poster and sticker designed for the group and these will be everywhere in the Borough we hope drawing attention to the fact that things are beginning to happen in this area. There will also be a genral poster for the group as well that is going to all the different organisations in the area.

LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP

There has been a lot of interest in setting up another Studies course that would be lesbian only we are hoping to run these fairly soon on a Wednesday evening at the Centre . The group would be a closed one to encourage people to feel able to talk more freely and openly.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE RING THE CENTRE 316 5954 ON MONDAYS AND SPEAK TO ONE OF THE ORGANISERS THEN.

LESBIAN SOCIAL MARCH 20th.

Sonia and Joanna are holding a lesbian social on Friday March 20th. Please bring yourselves ,all women welcome and food and drink to share. ANG — 317 1004 or 316 5954 for details.

GAY MEN'S EVENINGS.

For the last two weeks on Tuesday evenings several of the gay men connected with the centre have met together socially at the centre. We have had a good time playing pool,darts,cards,watching television and generally chatting. After nine we have gone off by car and van to a gay pub. On the first Tuesday we went to the Ship and Whale in Rotherhithe and last week we went to the White Swan the other side of the Rotherhithe tunnel. Each evening has been fun and has included men who are new to the centre and have begun to make new friends. Keith and David are there almost every week as well so we welcome new men and deal with questions etc. So why not come over on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 at the centre and meet some of the other men who receive this newsletter. See you there.

SHORTS

Films on Four.

Channel four on Thursday evenings are having a new season of films. My Beautiful Laundrette was on in February but Derek Jarman's Caravaggio a "tantalisingly impressionistic view of the life ofthe great sixteenth century gay artist's highly successful,passionate, and violent life"(Gay Times) and Another Country "a petulantly romantic film about homosexuality,love,politics and treachery in a 1930's English public school"(GayTimes) will both be on later in the season. Look out for them.

Gay Outdoor Club

G.O.C. have sent us several copies of their 1987 London Diary of events. On the second Sunday they have a walk in the country (Contact Roy 5424203) On the third Sunday they have a cycle in the country(Contact Colin 6397999) On Mondays and Thursdays they swim (Contact Rob 3689863)

For March: Sunday 8th Walk in the Tunbridge Wells area.
Sunday 15th Cycling in Essex/Herts. area.
Weekend 27/29th -Skiing in Scoland.
-Cycling(YHA) in Wiltshire.

LEWISHAM- GAY MEN'S GROUP?

Currently the lesbians are organising separately from the gay men either in lesbian only groups or women's groups. What is definitely lackingis a gay men's group,not only to function as a contact for gay men who live in Lewisham but to put pressure on the Council to act on it's policies for gay men and lesbians. There are several gay men on our mailing list who live in the borough and we would be happy to be an initial contact for a new group. So get on the phone and give us a ring(316 5954) and we will put you in touch with one another.

LACAPS

The Alcohol Counselling Service of Lambeth, lewisham and Southwark is in the process of developing a service particularly uited to the needs of lesbians and gay men. Presently we are looking for volunteers to work as counsellors and we wonder if you could help us in this.

We are currently looking for lesbians and gay men who are comfortable with their sexual identity. We would like to train as volunteer counsellors with lesbians and gay men who have a drink problem/ or who are close to someone who has a drink problem.

Our aim is to develop a free confidential counselling service (lesbian and gay alcohol problem service, LAGAPS) ervice where individuals can define the ways in which alchol causes them difficulties and work towards goals they can choose for themselves. We will want people to know that whether or not these difficulties are asociated with their lesbian or gay lifestyles, their sexual orientation will be respected and shared by the counsellor.

Initially it is planned to develop a sessional point on a Tuesday afternoon or evening from ACS's central offices in Brixton. In time it may be possible to offer counselling from other sessional points.

Prospective volunteers will be invited to attend a five day training course (if sufficient numbers come forward, a course will be held in April 1987 for lesbians and gay men and women only) and those accepted as volunteers will recieve regular supervision and training.

FOR FURTER INFORMATION CONTACT THE CENTRE ON 316 5954 OR RING GRAZ OR KEN ON 01-737 3579/0

ACS especially welcomes lesbians and gay men from the Ethnic Minority Comminities and we actively pursue our Equal Oppurtunities Policy.

COURSE SPECIFICALLY FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN APRIL 6th - APRIL 10th 1987.

FEES:

GENERAL FEE: £75.00

LOCAL FEE: £45.00 (For those who live/work in the Lewisham, Lambeth or Southwark Boroughs)

N.B. There is NO FEE for those intending to work for ACS as voluntary counsellors - Please ask for details and application form.

GAY MENS INTERVIEW DAVID SIMPSON

To continue the feature that first appeared in January's Newsletter about men connected with project by men in the project, we have the second of the interviews with the male workers of the centre.

Interview by Keith Trotman.

WHAT'S YOUR FULL NAME ?

David Howard Simpson.

WHERE WERE YOU BORN ?

Aylesford in Kent. I spent most of my childhood, from the age of two until the age of eighteen, in Bristol. I've also lived in Portsmouth for six months, Lancaster for four years, London for six years, Milan,Italy for four years and now I'm back in London, New Cross.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR CHILDHOOD

My Mother used to take me for walks in the Country, I've always loved the country and I think that's why. I have a twin brother we had a gang of friends who go to scrambling. I had a best called Micheal, we used to cook together and make dens together.

WHAT IS YOUR CULTURAL STANCE ?

I'm Middle Class. My dad was an office worker and my mother was teacher. As far as I know we're pretty solid white English stock and I come from the South of England which is different from coming the North. I think there's a lot of Ignorance, exploitation and prejudices that goes on between the North and South. It's no coincidence that the highest areas of unemployment are in the North.

My dad having grown up in India, came from an Impericle background, and that being Middle Class, I was brought up with a lot of misinformation about the world. I have had to do a lot of learning. I've had to learn what the world is really like rather than what my dad wanted it and felt it ought to be. Part of the learning I've had to do was realising that what I was tought to be 'normal', 'correct', 'civilised', were Middle Class Impreialist values. That what my dad called 'normal' was to anybody else just a cultural value.

WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT ENGLAND ?

I love England. I love the country side, I love the architecture. I think we're a tough people. I think things like the Blitz in the Second World War must have been a horific period. I think we're a resilient people, we can live through horific experiance.

WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT WHEN YOUR REFERANCE TO THE ENGLISH ?

I'm talking about people who for generations have been English. I'm not saying their characteristics are exclusive to the English but it's not a bad thing if something is exclusively English.

WHAT WAS IT LIKE AT SCHOOL ?

Iwent to a straight forward school, Secondary Comprehensive. It was alright. Iwas called sissy a lot, was beat up a lot, had a couple of affairs, some requited, some unrequited. I hated being beatn up, the first two years were a nightmare. There was a guy in my class called Tont Foot who beat me up every day and I was so ashamed and so scared that I did'nt tell anyone for a about a year, so it was pretty nightmarish

WHEN DID YOU COME OUT ?

Bloody hell! For fucks sake. I came out when I was nineteen, no eighteen, by joining the Gay Liberation Front, but I had known I was gay from the age of eight or nine. I've always loved men.

WHY THE DELAY IN DECLARING YOU R SEXUALITY ?

Because there was no where to declareit. There was no gay films as far as I knew, or pop stars and no gay organisations. I mean we're talking about the mid sixties, Imean I was fifteen when the law was changed, people still talked about blackmail. There was no gay centres or Channel 4 or Gays The Word. I had no-where to go and no-one to meet. Ihad two fantacies.
I)That I would become a lonely old man, poor, drunk, and dejected. I used to see and meet a lot of these men as a adolesent, and Ireally thought I would end up like that. Funny, somewhere I still that's still possible, funny as it may seem.
2)I would meet a man in the normal course of events, like at work, and we would like each other and start a relationship, and there would be no reaction to it (shrugs shoulders) people would treat it as nothing out of the ordinary.

TELL ME ABOUT SOME OF YOUR PAST JOBS.

I've been a cleaner quite a lot, on and off, probably three years cleaning altogether. I've been a home help and I worked in a nursery for the under fives which I enjoyed very much. Itought English as a foreign languagein Italy and in London and at the moment I'm running a training course in local govrenment and I do some councelling work.

WHY DID YOU TAKE THE JOB AT THE GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE ?

I saw a job advert and applied for it.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT THE JOB ?

(Deep sigh). I enjoy contact with different people, I've enjoyed organising and running the lesbian and gay studies course which I thought were very successful. I like irratating Keith. I'm glad ther's a Gay Mens' Group and I've enjoyed thinkng about the project. I like having a pool table, I enjoy joying and enjoy joy (Editor's Note-That bit confused me as well),oh and I liked doing the Supper Caberet.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FROM THE CENTRE IN THE FUTURE ?

I'd like to see a strong group ofgay men establish that the men can use for both social things as well as presonal friendships. I'd like to see a community of gay men that has an identity. I think it would be rather good if we finally did some thorough publicity as I think more people would use the centre then.

WHAT DO LIKE ABOUT WORKING WITH KEITH ?

(Deep sigh). I don't know if this is going to sound pretentious. One thing I've learnt was to stop trying to seduce you so that we could be close, instead I have learnt to ask you questions about your life that have bruoght us closer. I likeyour committment to biulding a community and to the job. I like the way you care about me and send me home when I'm feeling sick and tell me not to come back until I'm better. I trust you.

I would have to be pissy not to say something about racism when you asked me about what do I like about working with you. It's importantto me to think about you and about what's like to be gay and mixed race.

WHAT IS YOUR PERCEPTOIN OF RACISM IN THE GAY COMMUNITY ?

It exists, that it's similar to the racism that exists everywhere else, that there is hardly ever any reference or reflections of being black and gay in the gay press, that most discoteques and clubs are prodominantly white or specialize, i.e. Sweatbox and the Long Yang Club, and I think obviously that racism affects everyones choice of partner.
I think that some white men only choose other white men because of the fear of being targated with racism (like if you walk down the street with a blackman people will associate you with a blackman), the accusation of a'Niger Lover'. And the racism, when black gay men are forced to beleive it about themselves, then it much more attractive to have a white lover 'because ofcourse white men are more (shrugs shoulders and cringes)are more exeptable and more respectable'.

HOW DO YOU RELAX ?

The first answer to that quetion is not much. I like to watch the T.V or movies and I like the bath. I reading in the bath.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE READING ?

I like historical novals. Ilove Trinity by Leon Uris and I like books that are easy to read. I ve just finished reading a three volume science fiction adventure story.

DO YOU PLAY ANY MUSICAL INSTRAMENTS ?

I usually play the piono when I'm relaxed, but I have to get relaxed first so I don't play that often. Iplay Motzart, Beatoven and I'm currently learning all the songs from The Cage Aux Folles, I am what I am

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING A MAN ?

I like being physically strong, I like 'rough housing',using my physical strength, like swimming or working out. I like my body.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING GAY ?

I like loving other men and I love being loved by other men. I think it'sgivern me a certain freedom to hold onyo certain things that heterosexual men generally don't. Like being physically close to men, the intamacy. I enjoyed my years doing camp caberet with Brixton Fairies, all the dressing up and dressing about. I like being able to travel and being able to be quickly part part of another community of gay men. I think it's let me think about men , the fact the I'm gay has let me think about what it's like to a man.

WHAT YOU DISLIKE ABOUT BEING GAY ?

Oh dear I can't say my first thought , oh well, sex. They'll all think I'm a prude. Imagine, oh dear !

WHY ?

I hate the way we use sex to get close.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY CLOSE?

Sex- as a way of feeling less lonely, but I don't think it ever helped me get close to anyone. I guess it's just the continual emphasis on sex, on getting it, not getting it, good and bad sex. I also hate having to remember that I am alright. That it's other people's problem and I currently hate the way the government and peole in general have treated the deaths of hundreds of gay men as insignificant but when four per cent of the total figures are heterosexual they suddenly get off their fucking back sides. I hate being treated like I am dispensible.

HAS THE AIDS VIRUS AND THE MEDIA SCARE AFFECTED YOUR LIFE IN ANY WAY?

Yes, well Ihaven't tongue kissed a man for almost three years and it's been convenient that I have chosen to not have sex for long periods in the last three years. I hated February and March of last year, I was scared ost of the time-because of the massive anti-gay media campaign.

HAVE YOU A LOVER?

(Laughs, smiles embarrassedly) Have I a lover? Well I guess it depends on how you define the word. I have a lover in Italy who I love dearly and have known for ten years. I recently spent time with an old friend who I loved already and the friendship became sexual. So I guess he is kind of a lover.

TELL ME ABOUT THEM?

(nervous embarrassed laugh) Robi and I lived together for seven years in England and in Italy. Now we see each other about once or twice a year and talk to each other about every three to four weeks on the phone. And I love him very much.

TELL ME ABOUT SOME OF THE BETTER TIMES IN YOUR LOVE LIFE.

(sigh) Dear me! There were two occasions with Burt this Christmas when I was very happy. One was walking the dog in the dusk, the other was getting into bed when Burt had already gone to bed and was asleep and having him roll over and nestle up close, I just lay there very very happy (sigh). With Robi, falling in love with him all over again whilst doing the shopping in his local supermarket. We had fun!!

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GREENWICH FESTIVAL LESBIAN & GAY SUPPER CABARET.1987.

Due to popular demand and the success of last years event at the Centre We are again going to hold a Supper Cabaret at Haddo Hall, Tarves Way, Haddo housing Estate, Grreenwich SE10 on Friday 29th MAY from 8.00pm till late. Supper will be provided and light refreshments.

THERE WILL BE NO ALCOHOL PROVIDED SO PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE OR MORE!!!

More details of theevent nearer the time, the hall has full disabled accesss and safe transport and childminding allowance will be available.

LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE 1987

Theres are plans afoot for a river cruise up the Thames to celebrate Lesbian and Gay Pride this year and our second year at the Centre . I7 Bowater Road. Nothing definite as yet keep watching the newsletter for more details.

LESBIAN & GAY MEETING LEWISHAM

Lesbians or gay men living or working in the borough are being asked to attend theCouncil's next public consultation meeting on Tuesday March 24th at 7.30pm in the Riverdale Hall, Lewisham.

Following the well attended first meeting last year, the Council iskeen to find out how best to develop it's policies for these groups. All lesbians and gay men are welcome to attend and to contribute ideas.

HEADED NOTEPAP' ER COMPETITION

We plan to hold a competition to find the best logo for the Centres headed notepaper and the prize will be two tickets for the Lesbian and Gay Pride Cruise free. The only stipulations are that it is easily duplicated and measures about I½'' X I½'' diameter - good designing!!

ROOM TO LET

There is a double room available in a house in north Thamesmead. You would have to share with two gay men(a couple) and a nice understanding Suntie of theirs, The rent is £40 a week incl. of evening meal provided. Suitable for either a gay man or lesbian,
For contact adress please give the Centre a ring on 316 5954.

LEWISHAM FRIEND NEEDS HELPERS

Friend is an organisation offering information and advice to anybody with problems connected with homosexuality. the lewisham branch are looking for volunters to fill their remaining vacancies, particularly needed are lesbian volunteers. Iquires should be made to Lewisham Friend on Thursday evenings between 8 and10 p.m.on 690-6195.

MONTHLY OPEN MEETING

The next open meeting is on Friday 6th March at 6.30 p.m. at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road. Amoung the topics being discussed will be policies on use of the centre by individuals and groups and policies on S/M , Bisexuality, Transvestitism, Transexuality and pedophilia. Other topics being discussed will be the Equal Opportunities statement and forthcoming events. The group meets in the bar in W.G.H. once the business of the meeting has concluded.

The Expressionists

Have you allways wanted to be involved with a theatre group but felt that no-one would take you seriously?

Well.... I am thinking of setting up a new theatre group for women only. If anyone is interested, then meet me on 6th March 1987 at the women only space, 1st floor of the LL+GC at 8:30pm so we can discuss it.
My name is Keti and I will wait for you to turn up.

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY
7TH MARCH 1987
at 2.00pm

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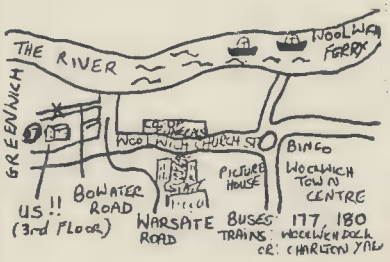
REFRESHMENTS

ENTRANCE FEE 10p

& GRAND AUCTION

GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Come along to:-

GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE,
17 BOWATER ROAD,
WESTMINSTER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
WOOLWICH,
LONDON SE18.

TEL: 01 316 5954

* . 12.00-2.00PM - LUNCH AND MEET THE WORKERS AND PRESENT MANAGMENT COMMITEE MEMBERS IN THE CENTRE ITSELF.

* 2.00 - 4.00 - CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS, A.G.M
- CHAIRS/FINANCE REPORTS.
- VOTING IN NEW MANAGMENT COMM COMMITEE MEMBERS.

SATURDAY JUNE 13TH

♀♀ 12.00 - 4.00PM ♂♂

The workers
and
management committee members
of the
GREENWICH LESBIAN and GAY CENTRE

Invite you to their

Annual General
Meeting
on 13th. June 1987
12 noon - 4p.m.

LESBIAN GROUP

Meets Mondays 6.00-9.00 at the Centre, Third floor, I7 Bowater Road, Westminster Industrial Estate, Woolwich SEI8. After 9.00 we move to the Thames Barrier Pub, up the road from the Centre for the rest of the evening.

There is a regular group of about twelve women attending now and we are planning lots of events and socials. We are using quite a lot of the Centres resources and have been coming into the Centre on other evenings to watch videos and play pool and snooker. Quite a few women are coming into the Centre on Thursdays Open Afternoon as well.

FOR MORE DETAILS AND INFORMATION RING MAGGIE ON 3I6 5954 MONDAYS 6-9.00 OR THURSDAYS 2-5.00pm.

LESBIAN GROUP UPDATE

JUMBLE SALE & GRAND AUCTION

We managed to raise a lot of money,£330 in all. This after a lot of hard work by a lot of people, not all connected with the group or the Centre.Special thanks to Susan, Eileen, Pat, Sharon, Shiela, Sharon and Sonia's mum and not forgetting Adrian and Katrina and thanks to all who came and supported it and gave lots of money to a good cause.

The money is being used to fund a week away for women in the Lesbian Group which meets Monday eves. at the Centre. Any monies remaining are going towards resources for lesbians at the Centre.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY – 8th MARCH

The day out to Kew was a great success if not a bit of a cold one. We all met up at Charring Cross Station, some on time and some late! From there we travelled to Kew by British Rail.Eight women came along and after we visited the Tea Dance at Stallions for a sit down.

LESBIAN EASTER HOLIDAY 11th 18th APRIL 1987

The holiday is nearly upon us, only a few weeks to go and we are just sorting out final preparations and numbers who want to go. A few women have dropped out so trere are spaces if you feel you would like a break away either for one of the weekends or during the week. Come along to the Lesbian Group and find out more.
We have booked the house for a wwek from Saturday IIth until Saturday the I8th and are going to travel down in one ofthe members vans and car.

LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP

There has been a lot of interest in setting up another Studies course that would be lesbian only we are hoping to run these fairly soon on a Wednesday evening at the Centre . The group would be a closed one to encourage people to feel able to talk more freely and openly.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE RING THE CENTRE 316 5954 ON MONDAYS AND SPEAK TO ONE OF THE ORGANISERS THEN.

LESBIAN SOCIAL MARCH 20th.

The social was attended by about sixteen women and went very well. We are hoping to hold them more frequently in peopls homes. The only thing was where were all the faces of you lesbians who recieve the newsletter as women there wewe from the Monday Group or by personal invite.

LESBIAN STRENTH - LESBIANS IN LEWISHAM.

They are a group of lesbians who started meeting in responce to the Ichthus anti lesbian/gay leaflet. We want to do something about it. Maybe some music, entertainment, fun or a weekend of events!!
What would you like to see happening for lesbians in the borough?

COME ALONG TO THE ALBANY NIGHT OUT ON MONDAY 30TH MARCH AT 7.30.

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GAYS AND THE LEFT UNDER ATTACK: THE SOCIALIST ANSWER

Meeting of the SWP Woolwich branch on Thursday 2nd of April at 8.00 at Glyndon Community Centre, Raglan Road, SEI8. With speaker Jonathon Neale.

POSITIVE IMAGES:

Positive Images Harringay Community Campaign in support of positive images of lesbians and gays in education. Meets every other week at 6.30 lesbians and gay only and at 7.30 everyone at the Labour Rooms 247a West Green Road, NI5.

WOMEN A T REDS.

Womens social/disco every Wednesday at the Labour Club, Limes Grove, Lewisham, SEI3. Ring 635 9067 for more details.

LONDON LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE
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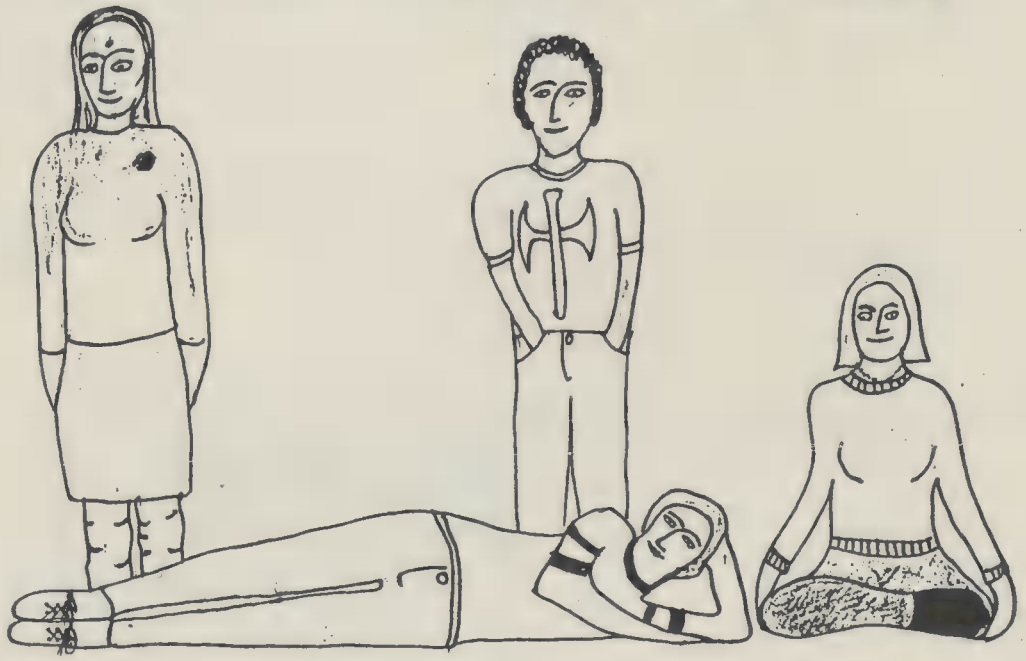

8 sessions 50p each Wednesdays 7·15 - 9·30pm
From 8th April to 27th May
Limited numbers so to avoid disapointment book in advance 01-608 1471
Each session is designed to be complete on its own but its preferable to come to the whole course
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Coming soon
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8 sessions Tuesdays 6·30 - 9·00 28th April to 16th June

Marsh-marigold
(*Caltha palustris*).

GREENWICH

LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Laying Down The Law

There's nothing more likely to stop a conversation than the two little words 'law reform'. Mention it, and most people's eyes glaze over; their minds fill with images of endless boring committee meetings, minutes, motions and amendments to motions.

And yet, when something happens to you – when the police stop you, when a hospital denies you access to a sick lover because you're not 'family', and when you realise that they have the law on their side, you also begin to realise how much of our lives it affects. And not for the better.

Now more than ever we need a Lesbian and Gay Rights Bill. And we need a huge, broadly-based lobbying and campaigning organisation to bring that about. We need to go beyond simply reacting to attacks on our community, to start thinking positively.

That's why we need this campaign, and that's why we need *you* to be part of it.

Why should I get involved?

a) *The law needs changing:* Lesbians and gays are not equal under the law. As well as the infamous 'age of consent' laws against gay men, the law considers homosexuality to be against 'public policy' and 'public morality'. The cases below give some picture of how the law works against us.

b) *We need to know what you want:* Our campaign has to represent the view of the *whole* of the lesbian and gay community. We think we know some of the things that are wrong with the law, but we certainly don't have the complete picture. We need the benefit of your experiences and your views.

c) *We need sheer weight of numbers.*

'But I'm not Political'

You don't have to be political to want to do something to stop the police raiding your local. You don't have to be a militant to stop people being sacked from work because they are gay.

Our enemies thrive on our apathy. If *we* don't do something, *they* will. There are people campaigning to have homosexuality made completely illegal. There are people who want to put us in concentration camps. There are local councillors who think we should be gassed. If we – if *you* – stay silent, they will take that as consent. We *must* stand up to our enemies with a clear set of demands.

'But the Campaign won't change anything'

In the present political climate, homosexual law reform isn't going to be easy. But we *can* succeed, if we bring enough pressure to bear. MPs *do* listen to their constituents. Three of the four main political parties have some sort of commitment to lesbian and gay rights. Our task is to get the promises to stick; to turn the words into the sort of action which we know is needed. After all, it was a Conservative politician, Edmund Burke, who said that "Bad laws are the worst sort of tyrrany."

'What can I do?'

a) *Join the Campaign:* Fill out the coupon at the bottom of the page and send it off to us. Send us money. Give us your time and energy.

b) *Write to your MP:* Let him or her know why you think the law should be changed, and *how* it should be changed. Ask *all* your parliamentary candidates for their views. Let us know what they say.

c) *Tell your friends:* Get them involved in the Campaign too. Start throwing around ideas about law reform. And if you or one of your friends has suffered because of an inequality in the law, let us know.

d) *Come to the Conference:* Put 23-24th May down in your diary, and come and help us draw up a list of the changes in the law which we all want to see.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! JOIN THE CAMPAIGN! LAY DOWN THE LAW!

Hit List

- **Recently 20 police raided the Vauxhall Tavern, many wearing rubber gloves.**
  Does this make you angry? Should there be a law against it?
  If so, join the Campaign.
- **Mary V. lost custody of her daughter because she was a lesbian. Later the father, who got custody, was convicted of indecent assault on his child.**
  Does this make you angry? If so, join the Campaign.
- **In Earl's Court, 'pretty police' – known locally as 'the Beverley Sisters' – fitted up gay [redacted] for soliciting. This still goes [redacted] all over the country.**
  Does this make you angry? Should there be a law against it?
  If so, join the Campaign.
- **Mary Simpson was evicted from her council house when the long-standing lover she shared it with died.**
  Does this make you angry? Should there be a law against it?
  If so, join the Campaign now.
- **Simon Kneale-Jones was forcibly put into a home at the age of 17 because he was having an affair with [redacted] older man.**
  Does this make you angry? Should there be a law against it?
  If so, join the Campaign now.
- **Cllr Brownhill says we should all be sent to the gas chambers. People protesting about [redacted] were sent to prison over Christmas without trial.**
  Does this make you angry? If so, join the Campaign now.
- **Judith Williams, Susan Shell and John Saunders are just three of the hundreds of workers who have been sacked merely for being lesbian or gay.**
  Does this make you angry? Should there be a law against it?
  If so, join the Campaign now.
- **Mohammed H. was strip-searched and assaulted at Heathrow because he carried a photograph of a man in his wallet. He was refused entry and sent home – at his own expense – to a country where he faced certain persecution and possible death.**
  Does this make you angry? Should there be a law against it?
  If so, join the Campaign now.
- **Books [redacted] seized just because they are lesbian or gay.**
  Does this make you angry? Should there be a law against it?
  If so, join the Campaign now.

Our story

The Campaign is appealing for £10,000 to cover the cost of its conference (23-24 May); the conference will survey the existing law and produce a set of demands for comprehensive reform. The money will also go towards the cost of publicising those demands and starting the long haul to a Lesbian and Gay Rights Bill. Our next open meeting is at Islington Town Hall from noon until 5pm on Saturday April 8th.

CUT THIS OUT

I would like more information about the campaign.

I enclose a donation of £ ....

Name .....

Address .....

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Return to: LLGRC,
Rm 221, 38 Mount Pleasant,
WC1X 0AP

NEWS ABOUT GROUPS:

GAY OUTDOOR CLUB.

As we printed in the last newsletter we have copies of the Gay Outdoor's London events.
April I2th Walk-Petersfield.
April 26th Cycling-Cambridgeshire.
Contacts: Swimming-Rob 368 9863
Country Walks-Roy 542 4203
Cycling-Colin 639 7999.

NALGO GROUP.

The Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Men's groups are at present holding joint meetings. The next meeting is on:
Wednesday April Ist. I2.30 Audio Visual Aids Room
Nurse Education Centre,Greenwich District Hospital.
The groups were set up to monitor union and Council policies,work for changes that will benefit lesbians and gay men, and support indiviual lesbian and gay Nalgo members. There are four places allocated to us on the Branch executive and we play an active part in the Branch's Equal Opportunities Sub-committee. Come along.

GAY MEN'S DISABLED GROUP.

We have recently received a copy of their spring newsletter. It has a copy of the minutes of their last general meeting in which they discussed their draft constitution,information about local groups and activities,committee news and dates for their next meetings. If anyone is interested in contacting them they can be got at:
The Secretary, Gay Men's Disabled Group,
C/O Gay's The Word,
66 Marchmont Street,
London WCIN IAB.

GAY MEN'S EVENING.

The gay men's group goes from strength to strength - last week we had thirteen men turn up some who are regulars and some who are new. At the moment the new men are returning every week which is very promising. Any man who gets this newsletter (and his friends) is welcome to come along to the centre on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 till 8.45 when we go on to a pub,so far the Ship and Whale which most of the men seem to enjoy.

Shorts:

New Gay Musical: MARCH OF THE FALSETTOS is starting at the Albery Theatre (379 6433) on the 24th March. It has had a run in Manchester which was successful. More later when we have seen it!!

Film: STAND BY ME is currently showing in London. It is the story of the friendships between four thirteen year old boys. It portrays those kind of friendships which I'm sure most of us had before sex raised its head. This is about the strength of their friendships and how they do,in real,concrete ways stand by each other. Go and see it and remember.

Cabaret: April I6th Thursday at the Albany Deptford (Douglas Way) Janice Perry and Parker and Klein are on. Janice is very funny as a stand up comedienne and P&K are also worth seeing. Ring Box Office 69I 3333.

AIDS DAY APRIL 3rd: From the 24th March till sometime in April there are going to be a whole host of concerts,parties and benefits in aid of charities dealing with AIDS (e.g.Terrence Higgins/ London Lighthouse).

APRIL Ist there is a mega concert at Wembley with Bob Geldof, George Michael,Communards,Womack and Womack.
There are going to be other concerts around London (Marc Almond at Donmar/Original Bronski Beat line up at Academy etc) Watch the press for more details.

Gay Pride I987: June 27th has been chosen for the great day with a march from Hyde Park to Jubilee Gardens on the South Bank. Contact Willy Molton 987 3983 for more details.

GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS

With the current climate around AIDS,police raids on gay pubs etc I knew it would be a relief to have some good news in the newsletter. So enjoy!! -The Aids Benefit at the Barbican in February raised £I2,000 (in one evening!)for London Lighthouse.

-Wombourne I2 had their charges dismissed before going to trial.

-On the island of Jersey where homosexual behaviour between consenting adults is still a crime, the Attorney General has promised that he will not bring any prosecutions against gay men so that they can come forward for HTLV III testing if they choose to, without fear of prosecution.

-The legislature of the province of Ontario in Canada has passed a bill which adds sexual orientation to the provinces human rights code.

-International Lesbian and Gay Association has named May 2Ist as a day of worldwide protest at the treatment of lesbians and gay men in Britain. They are hoping for pickets at British embassies and consulates throughout the world.

AN ACCESSIBLE LESBIAN & GAY BAR IN LONDON.

Richard Gilling,a gay man with a disability, is starting a new bar on Sunday nights. It will have an informal club/bar atmosphere with access for wheelchair users and accessible loos. It is open to lesbians and gay men whether they have disabilities or not. It is called:

Richard's Bar at Drill Hall Arts Centre,
I6 Chenies St., WC I. (Tel: 637 8270)

GREENWICH YOUNG LESBIAN AND GAY GROUP

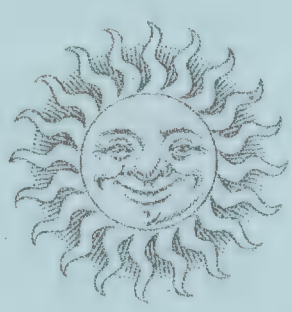
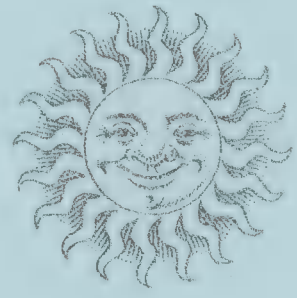
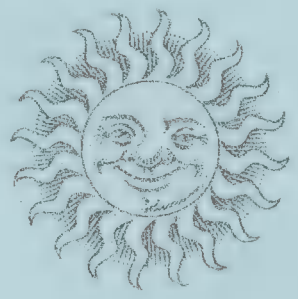
The centre will be running a young lesbian and gay group from Thursday 7th May between 6 and 9 pm. The Group's upper age limit is 25, no lower age limit will be operated

D NEWS CONTINUED !!

A GAY TALKING NEWSPAPER.

TALKING PINK is a new venture which is trying to set up a national gay talking newspaper for visually impaired gays and lesbians. At present they are still in the early stages of trying to raise the money for equipment,but it is hoped they can raise £2,000. Based in Bradford TALKING PINK will cover the whole of Britain and will consist of news, features,reviews, and interviews either taken from existing gay press or original work submitted by listeners and volunteers. It will cover both lesbian andgay topics andissues and will set out to represent views which encompass the entire spectrum of 'gay culture' including the ethnic minority section of the gay and lesbian community. For furtherinformationor to send a donation:

TALKING PINK c/o 50 Laisterbridge Lane,Bradford, Yorks BD7 IQT.

NEW DATE FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M of the Greenwich Lesbian And Gay Centre Has been moved from the proposed date and venue of Friday 8rd April at West Greenwich House to Saturday 13th June at the greenwich lesbian and gay centre. This is to allow the management committee and workers of the project to organise a larger and better publised event.

DUE TO ABSENCE THERE ARE NO LESBIAN ITEMS THIS MONTH.

BACK NEXT MONTH.

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE.

RING 316 5954 for details, info & access details

OPPURTUNITIES FOR WOMEN FESTIVAL

* OPEN DAY LESBIANS *

* at the Centre.

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VIDEOS: "In The Out tray"
- (lesbians & gays in employment)
- "Sweet Honey In The Rock"
- "Educating Rita"

LUNCH: 12 - 2pm

ADVICE, INFO & REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 11-5PM

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

SUPPER CABARET Presents.....

(Winners of Oppurtunity Knocks April 4th 1987.)

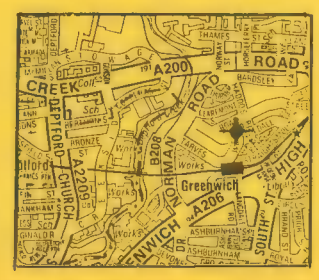
FRIDAY ,29th May MAY 1987. 8PM onwards:

entry by ticket only

HADDO HALL,

HADDO ESTATE,

TARVES WAY, GREENWICH, SE10



(buses 180,177,199 & BR. Greenwich)

£5.00/2.50)

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES CANDLELIT

THREE COURSE MEAL, ENTERTAINMENT

& DISCO

Tickets available from Greenwich Entertainments,

Woolwich New Road, SE18. (317 8687) or the Centre on 316 5954.)

THE SUPPER CABARET

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

MAY NEWSLETTER

CENTRE BUSINESS.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

SEE ARTICLE ON NEXT PAGE.

Centre Open Hours.

From Monday I8th May G.L.G.C. will be pen five days a week. From Monday to Thursday the Centre will be open to members from 2.00 in the afternoon until 9.00 in the evening and on Saturdays between 2.00 and 5.30.

On Tuesday afternoons the Centre will be open from the slightly later time of 2.30.

The Wednesday night session is being shared between a lesbian Discussion Group and a mixed lesbian and Gay Youth Discussion Group. These meetings will be bi-monthly. Watch this space for more details.

One Saturday a month we will be holding a friendly get-together for anyone to come along to so that people who attend different groups can mix and mingle and get to Know eachother better. These afternoons will be based around the pool,darts and snooker at the Centre. See you there!!!

THE FIRST LESBIAN AND GAY MENS GAMES AFTERNOON IS SET FOR JUNE THE 6TH.

Notice From the Managment Commitee.

At present there are only 3 workers at the Centre as Gill is no longer with us. We thank her for her good work with the Centre and wish her well for the future.
Gill's post as Job Share Lesbian Worker will be advertised very soon and we to be back to strength in a few months.

User Group Policies.

These have all but been completed and will be discussed at this months Open/Managment Meeting at West Greenwich House at 6.30.
There are copies of all the proposals at the Centre, ring 3, 6 5954 for details or to have acopy sent to you , or drop by and pick one up and chat to one of the workers about it.

annual general meeting

Dont forget the annual general meeting on Saturday June I3th at the centre in Bowater Road. We will be open in the morning from IOpm for people to view the centre etc. There will be lunch around I2pm and the actual meeting will begin at 2.00pm. There will be elections for a new management committee so if you are interested in being a member and want to have a greater input into the centre then come along to the annual general meeting.

amendments to constitution

Below are the suggested amendments to the present constitution to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday I3th June between 2 and 4 pm. If you would like a complete copy of the constitution please phone or write to the G.L.G.C. 3rd Floor , I7, Bowater Rd, Woolwich, S.E.I8. Tele-3I6-5954.

I) Name

The name of the organisation will be the Greenwich Lesbiian And Gay Centre (called the Centre).

3)Membership

General membership of the Centre will be open to all Lesbians and Gay Men living, working, or studing in South East London who can participate in meetings, but only those Lesbians And Gay Men living, in paid employment, or study full time in Greenwich are entitled to vote at the A.G.M. At Open Meetings voting will be limited to the Workers of the centre , Workers Support Persons and the Management Committee.

4)Management

Management of the Centre will be vested in the Management Committee elected from the general membership at the A.G.M. of the Centre. There shall be 5 officers of the committee, 4 Workers Support Persons 4 Workers and cooptions as necessary with voting rights.

4)d)Secretary

i) To circulate draft Agenda and minutes at least a week before meeting.

4)e)Treasurer

vi) To present at the Open Meeting a statement of the ccounts per month.

vii)To agree with a quarterly budget with the workers.

4)h) Workers and Workers Support Persons will have voting rights, except where disciplinary and appeal matters concerning the staff are being discussed.

4)i) A quoram of the committee will be 50 percent or any case four voting members (excluding paid workers).

4)j)The committee will meet as often as necessary but at least I2 meetings in a year.

Alteration To The Constitution

(paragraph two)

No alteration may be made, at any meeting, which diminishes the rights or powers of the the Lesbians in the Centre, unless at least 50 percent of the members eligible to vote, present at the meeting are Lesbians. The same principle will apply with the rights and powers of the Gay Men in the Centre.

I0) Confidentiality

i)Membership Records

Content of any counselling and or support work between Management Committee Members, Workers, and Centre Membership will be held to be strictly confidential.

ii)The content of any disciplinary procedures being considered by the Management Committee will be confidetial to members of the Management Committee.

iii) Any Management Committee member who considers themselves to be personally involved may choose to''stand down'' during that action or may be requested to do so.

new theatre in Lewisham

A new theatre has opened in Lewisham called BROADWAY STUDIO (Catford Broadway,SE 6 Tel:690 0002). In their programme for May they have several events which look interesting:

Second Sunday of each month starting May I0th:

Parker and Klein and Guests. They played at the Albany last year for pride and are a very funny comedy duo.

May I3th MEN IN FROCKS FEATURING BLOOLIPS.

"A monthly soiree celebrating the art of cross-dressing". Bloolips are definitely not to be missed!!

May I4/I5/I6. GAY SWEATSHOP'S COMPROMISED IMMUNITY.

"Gerry is gay. He also has AIDS. He is angry and scared. Peter is straight,a student nurse, he is naive and insensitive. This is the s tory of their friendship."

the british movement stick with anti gay campaign

The British Movement continue their campaign against gay men and the Labour Party's Equal Opp's programme with the following slogans on stickers in public places and on public transport.

VOTE LABOUR
THE FRIENDLY FAGGOTS
FORGET YOUR FEARS
VOTE FOR LABOUR QUEERS.

GO GAY WITH LABOUR
VOTE FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD NONCE
NOW'S THE DAY TO BE A LABOUR GAY
LABOUR AIDS PEOPLE

We urge our membership to write to the relevent council to complain about these clearly offensive homophobic propoganda and to remove such material at the first possible occassion

ENTERTAINMENT.

Supper Cabaret

On May 29th the centre is having a supper cabaret as part of the Greenwich Festival celebrations. David started this tradition last year with a very successful supper cabaret at the centre. It was the first event held at the centre and was a great success. This year we are holding it at Haddo Hall in Greenwich. We have The Hot Doris Band as the main attraction. There will be a DJ who will be playing cabaret style music,flowers candlelit tables and plenty of good food and company. In order to know how many people will be coming we need you to buy tickets in advance from the centre (3I6 5954 from 2-4pm. and from 6-8.45 Monday,Tuesday and Thursdays) or from Greenwich Ents 25 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich,SE I8. Tel: 3I7 8687. Tickets are £5.00/£2.50 (unwaged) and well worth it!! See you there!!

Hot Doris Band / Cabaret.

The group heading the billfor us at the Supper Cabaret are an all women harmony singing group with acoustic piano accompainiment. They sing a full ange of songs varying fromwell known popular songs to original numbers writtenby members of the group.
They have appearred at the Albany Empire, The Tramshed and the London Lesbian and Gay Centre as well as an appearence on'Oppurtunity Knocks'on Saturday April 4th.

Frank Chickens at the Tunnel.

There was a really great night to be had out last Saturday at the Tunnel Club, Blackwall Lane. They had Frank Chickens heading the line-up for the evening and they we're sensational. But where we're all they're local women fans?? the audience we're a little bit bemused by they're style but they got a good reception generally, although a couple of men got hot under the collar about some of they're more risque numbers.

CENTRE OPENING TIMES FROM MONDAY MAY 18TH '87

OPENING HOURS CENTRE,

TIME	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
10 TO 2	MEETINGS ADMINISTRATION CENTRE CLOSED TO MEMBERS IN THE MORNINGS	WORKERS MEETING 12.30 - 2.30				
2 TO 6	DAVID	DAVID	MAGGIE	KEITH OPEN AFTERNOON		(♂♂ + ♀♀ GAMES DAVID KEITH OR MAGGIE AFTERNOON)
6 TO 9	MAGGIE LESBIAN SOCIAL GROUP	DAVID GAY MENS GROUP,	MAGGIE OR KEITH ♀♀ DISCUSSION GROUP ♂♂ AND ♀♀ YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP	KEITH LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH SOCIAL GROUP (START AT 5PM)		
9 TO 11	OPTIONAL OUTSIDE	OUTSIDE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES (PUBS, CLUBS, ETC)			

LESBIAN FEEDBACK & UPDATE

LESBIAN FEEDBACK.

Easter Holiday 1987.

In the end seven of us went taking a caravanette van and one womans car. The weather we had was glorious and a couple of us took turns at cycling the countriside around and abouts, taking in the fresh country smells, and the bueatiful scenery. We all took lots of photographs and went for day trips out, although the house itself was really bueatiful and very relaxed to be in, only thing being there was no smoking and no meat to be seen all week(you have to be vegetarian whilst staying there).
Some of the days out we went to Bath, by bus which took all day as we had to change buses three times ad there we're so few of these, Brean Sands, Glastonbury Tor, Weston SuperMare, and the Cheddar Caves in Cheddar Gorge.
The money we raised at the jumble paid for every thing except our personal spending money, so it was all worth it in the end!!!

Lesbian Group.

Come on out and enjoy yourselves at the Monday night group we could always do with seeing some new faces at the tentre. We are here from 6.00 onwards and at 9.00 we go to the Thames Barrier pub up the road. We're practising up our snooker at the moment for the mixed open afternoon afternoons that are starting in May.(see elsewhere in the newsletter for more details)

Vacancies Housing Co Operative

Lesbian Mother/Lesbians wanted for 3 bedroom permanent flat(ground loor) in Sydenham/Forest Hill area. Other flat in same house will be occupied by a white lesbian mother with a seven year old son. Rent approx-£25-£30 a week. Building work will be finished end of March/mid April. lack women encouraged to apply. This is a co-operative house andapplic-ants would be expected to put some work into the co-operative, more details on pplication. If interested please contact C. Fiddian 699 5759 r write to I6 Westwood Park,SE23, or The Welfare Group c/o F. Hancock, I4 Longton Grove, SE26. ALSO Room available in other flat sharing with e esbian mother and 7yr old son. If interested contact as above.

Oppurtunities For Women Month

We are holding a lesbian only event at the Centre on Saturday May I6th from II.00am until 5.30pm. Lesbian Employment Rights have been invited along to speak, show the Converse Pictures video on Lesbian and Gay Harrasment at work and how to deal with the problem. They will also bring along information and be able to give advice should anyone be in need of it.

Come along, pop in and have a chat, do something different on your Saturday, find out what your Centre has to offer!!!

Readers Survey Lesbians.

So far only about five lesbians have responded to a request for feed-back on the lesbian contribution to the monthly newsletter and the idea of paying subs.
Please make the effort just this once it's so nice when people take the time to contribute and not just passively take.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SO FAR HAVE TAKEN THE TIME AND ENERGY TO REPLY EITHER IN WRITING OR BY POST.

Sweet Honey In THe The Rock.

The accepella black women's singing group'Sweet Honey In The Rock' are appearing for one night only at the Royal Festival Hall on May I3th. The tickets are priced at £6.50, £7.50,& £8.50, although pricey they are well worth catching when they are performing here.

WOMEN - HAVE YOU EVER HAD THAT SINKING FEELING!!!
WHEN YOU COULD BE A BRIGHT SPARK!!!

If so, now's your chance to enrol for Plumbing and Electrical Installation courses due to start in September I987 at Lewishams Women's Training Centre.

Applicants must livein the London Borough of Lewisham and be over I8yrs of age.

Application forms and further details are available from;Lewisham Women's Training Centre, Units I3 - I7 , Blackheath Business Estate, LONDON SEIO 8BA. Tel: 69I-507I.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Greenwich Young Lesbian & Gay Group.

The first meeting of the Greenwich Young Lesbian And Gay Group is on Thursday May 7th from 5 to 9pm at the Greenwich Lesbian And Gay Centre. The group will be open to any lesbian or gay man under the age of 25 (the group has no lower age limit). The group will be mainly social with pool/snooker, darts,cards, board games, video, music, food, drink, chat ,etc.
Hope to see you there!

New Cross Circle Club.

There is a housing project in Lewisham that is particularily interested in re housing gays and lesbians who are having housing problems, the no. to ring for details and information and housing forms is 69I 338I. or ask at the Centre.

Harmony Holidays / Somerset.

If you want to get away from it all, feel relaxed and are comfortable not eating meat or smoking go to the Harmony Centre, Meare, Somerset. The house is predominated by women but men are allowed to stay if they want to. The accomodation is basic and makeshift but very informal. Contact MaeLee or Linda for more details and information on 04586 6I2.

Alternatively speak to Maggie at the Centre who has all the details and some photographs, the lesbian group stayed here on they're holiday.

Quest Group for Catholics .

If anyone is interested please contact in writing BM Box 2585, London WCI 3XX or Gerry Campbell, 53 Nightingale Grove, Hither Green, London SEI3. Alternatively ring the linkline OI-373 78I9, or come along to they're Central Meeting in London the first thursday of the month at 7.30 at St. Pancras Church Hall, Lancing, Euston, London NI.

The Greenwich Rendezvous

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Recently refurbished

Superb New Sound System
including Compact Disc

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Regular Discos and Live Entertainment

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Light Refreshments — Most Attractive Bar
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Pool — only 20p per game!

ALL WELCOME
COME AND GIVE US A TRY!

SUGGESTIONS

FOR THE

GAY CENTRE

Suggestions for the Gay Centre

The Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Centre was established as a focal point for the Gay community in the borough of Greenwich. It's function is to reach out to gay people of all ages and bring them together for mutual support, to socialise, and to counsel people who are not confident with their sexual identity.

A number of members of the local community feel the centre has lapsed in it's purpose, and to assist the discussion on the future of the centre, and in particular the tuesday evening men's group, have produced this agenda with many suggestions we feel would be appropriate in fulfilling the needs of the gay community in Greenwich.

ACENDA

Hamish maybe wants to use his phone to pick up others

1) The Centre does not seem to be fulfilling it's function.

2) Workers attitude--feeling that the workers attitude is unsatisfactory as regards new-comers, etc.

3) Activities--what we could be doing at the centre:
   a)Moving the pool table on tuesday evenings to provide more space
   b)Discussion topics and guest speakers etc.
   c)Group outings to the ~~theatre~~, ~~bowling~~ etc. Workers to organise.
   d)Games evenings, championships etc.
   e)Sporting events, swimming, badminton etc. Group activities.
   f)House parties--reinstigate this popular group activity.

4) Food and catering--to allow people to come to the centre straight from work, by stocking various foods for re-sale, getting people to cook in the centre, etc.

5) Skills pool--use our diverse community as a resouce and tap the skills we have amongst us; typing, knitting, yoga, etc. Compile a local skills directory.

6) Advertising--there is no advertising of the centre. Try Gay press, local press, ethnic press, Greenwich Time, hand bills in pubs, stickers, coucil advertising, Centre pamphlet, announce ourselves to other Gay

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organisations, eg. Switchboard, Thomsons directory, etc.

7) Newsletter—not had one for ages. Compile new mailing list, definate delivery and print dates, charge again if necessary, production evenings, diary of organised forthcoming evenings.

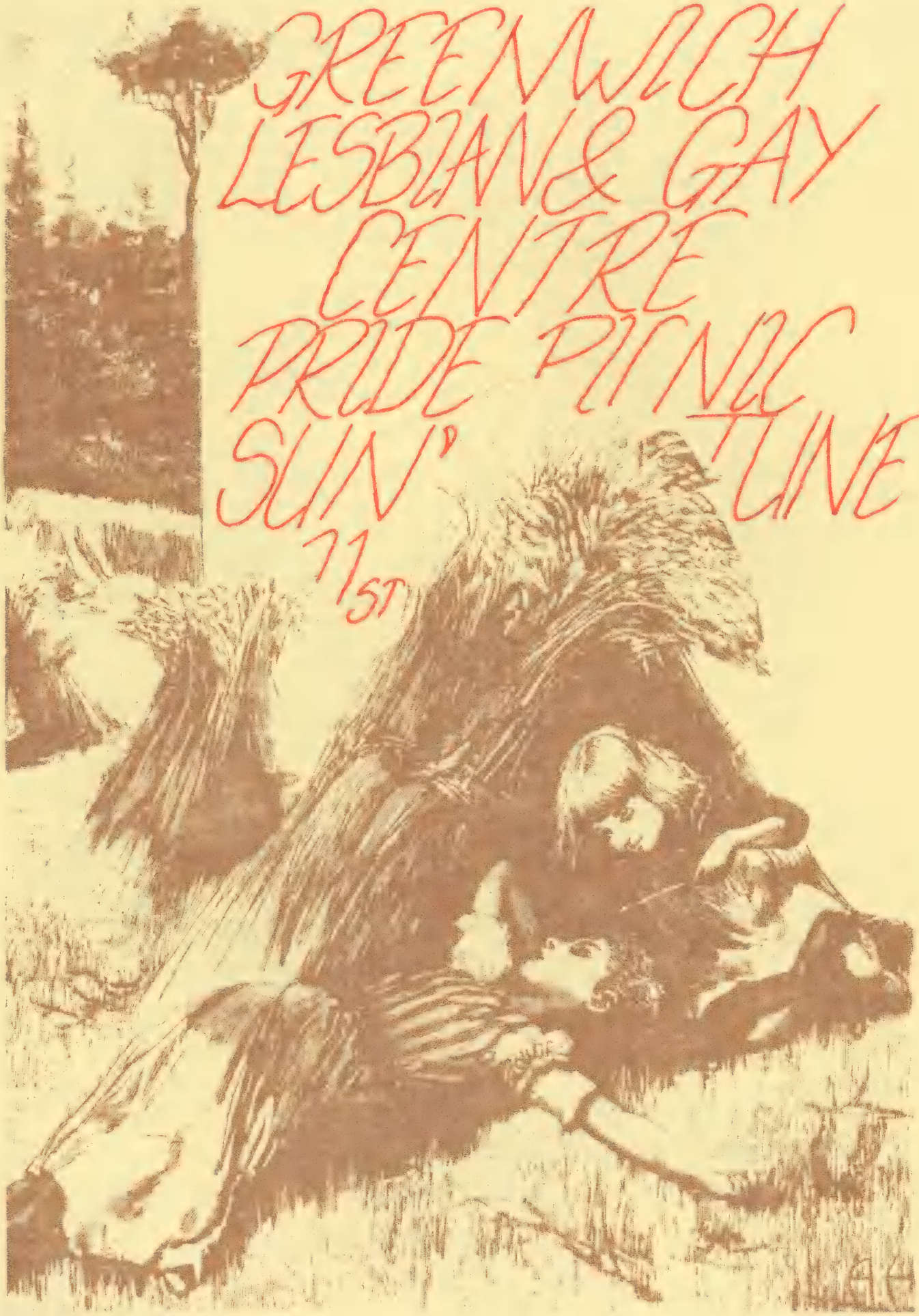
8) Counselling/Outreach—proper greeting of new people, splitting the room up to make it less formidable.

9) Atmosphere—change of lighting, seating, music, add plants, to make the centre a more enjoyable place to be.

10) Christmas—make sure we do something this christmas in recognition of the people who do not have families to go to.

We hope this will form a useful base for discussion, and help the workers in their efforts to improve the centre's ability to encompass the local gay community.

Hamish Sutherland, Paul Bell, Alan Parkinson, Philip Pegg, Bruce Mohan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YOUTH GROUP

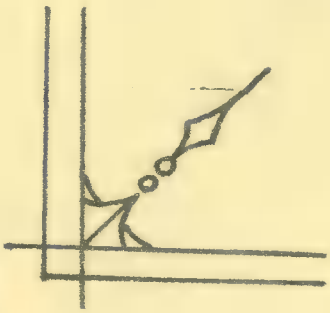
On Thursdays Keith is running a mixed gender youth group for people who are under 25 (there is no lower age limit). It has been running for a monthn now and has got off to a good start. Last week there were I2 people(I0 men/2 women) and has been growing rapidly every week. It starts at 5 in the afternoon and goes on til 8.45 when they go to the Ship and Whale. Keith is enjoying the group and especially being there if anyone wants to talk about anything in particular. So don't be shy but come on down to the centre on Thursdays.

GAY MEN'S GROUP

For three months now David has been running a gay men's social group on Tuesday evenings from 6-9. We started with seven men and are now having regular turn out of about fifteen men every week. Men come from Plumstead,Charlton,Blackheath,Lee,Lewisham,Abbeywood and New Cross and even one regular from Essex. Every evening we have tea and coffee and we play darts,pool and generally chat. At 8.45 we get into the various cars and vans which the men come in and go off to the Ship and Whale in Rotherhithe. This pub has low music so you can actually talk to each other, pool and copies of Capital Gay and National Gay. It is never very crowded so it is a very pleasant artmosphere to spend the rest of the evening in. Nearly all the men who come are new to the centre and are generally returning every week. So if you want to make some new friends in a friendly atmosphere then why not come along on next Tuesday to the centre. See you there.

ANNUAL REPORT

The management committee and workers have produced this years annual report which the workers are currently printing and will be available from the centre and at the A.G.M. on Saturday I3th June (2-4). Give us a ring if you want a copy or come along to the Annual General Meeting.



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Saturday Mixed Games Afternoon

From Saturday the 6th of June there will be a monthly games afternoon on the first Saturday of the month. These will be for lesbians and gay men to use the Centres facilities together and partisipate in pool, darts, card and board games, music, chat, food, drink etcetera. Other games days to follow will be Saturday 4th July & Saturday 8th August. Please feel free to drop in and enjoy yourselves!!

Lesbian Night Out - Thursday 6th June

Eves Revenge is the largest club for lesbians in Europe and is held every first Thursday of the month at the Fridge:Townhall Parade: Brixton:SW2 1RJ:tel 326 5100.
The next disco is being held on the 4th of June and it might be a good idea to arrange for a group of lesbians to go along together and maybe get some shared transport together.
The disco is said to be very friendly and pleasent, so if you fancy coming along and want company or to meet other lesbians meet at the Centre 8.00 and we'll go on from here.Disco runs 9-2.00am and costs £3.00/2.00 concs.

Singing For Everyone.

Frankie Armstrong,singer,runs workshops to teach people to express themselves through sound and to use their voices creatively. Her twenty year career as a social worker and her experience of group therapy and counselling have contributed to her about the ways we use-or don't use-our voices.
Frankie Armstrong's next workshop is on July 5th. The cost is £16; £12 for the unemployed. Phone 01 459 5442.

Lesbian Strength Clash With The A. G. M.

Unfortunatly at the last minute the Lesbian Strenth march has had to be changed to re-arranged for the I3th June, the same day as our Annual General Meeting. Sorry if this inconvienances any lesbians and prevents anyone either attending the march or the Centre meeting.

Opportunities For Women Festival

The last event of the Festival features a multi-cultural line of women performers including the Hairy Marys(Irish dance group), Shikisha(South African dance and music band), the Deltones(an eleven piece womens jazz/funk band), and the Street Band consisting of twenty five women musicians.

Event taking place at the GCRE Cultural Centre, Bathway, off Market Street, SEI8.(buses5I,53,54,75,96,I22,I6I,I77,I80,269,272.BR Woolwich.

Lesbian Stress Reduction

There are going to be two stress reduction classes held at the Centre on Saturday I8th and Saturday 25th of July I987. These will be women only and will be run by Kate Cobb who has recently heard about the Centre and wanted to put these classes on for lesbians. The sessions will be free and the Centre will provide lunch cost £I.00 per person.

They will run from 2.00-4.00 and lunch is from I.00-2.00.

Feedback - Opportunities For Women Festival Centre Event

The open day at the Centre was not too badly attended and sixteen women dropped in throughout the day. We showed a number of videos and lunch was received very well by all who attended. Issues around childcare provision were again raised and the formation of a lesbian mothers group in the area.

Strength and Pride Picnic

As in previous years we are again organising a picnic for lesbian strength and gay pride. As you may know Lesbian Strength is on I3th June and Gay Pride march is on 27th June so we have chosen the weekend in the middle for the picnic. ON SUNDAY 21st JUNE we will open the centre from I2 till 2 during which time we will serve lunch(for a small charge) and then at 2 we will go to Maryon Park,off Woolwich Road and Maryon Road.Entrance to the park is opposite Woolwich College,crossing by the traffic lights and up the road at the side of the pub. We will stay in the park for the afternoon (2-5ish) where we will play games: rounders,frisbee,travel scrabble and any other game you bring and/or feeel like playing. What we do need you to bring is some tea to share. Make.cakes and fruit loaves and malt loaves and biscuits of every sort- don't worry about the quality just get in your kitchen and get cooking! If you can't cook then get cutting those old cucumber sandwiches. And if you really don't have any time to get creative in the kitchen then get spending in the cake shops and biscuits shops of Greenwich.
And if you've got no money then come and eat everybody else's food!!
So don't miss the picnic of the year in Maryon Park Sunday 2Ist June.

Annual General Meeting

Don't forget the AGM on Saturday I3th June at the centre. We will be open from I2.00 till 2.00 for lunch and for people to look round the centre. At 2.00 we will start the annual general meeting which will include presenting the annual report and elections for new members of the management committee. Being on the management committee is not a job that you need any previous experience or qualifications for. In fact as each committee has found out they very much get themselves organised as the year goes on. The only thing you need is an interest in how the centre is run and a desire to put in some time and energy to help the running of the project. So don't be shy and don't be intimidated by titles, come along to the meeting and put yourself forward. The day is a very good opportunity for all of us to get together and enjoy what we have achieved in the last year. So don't miss it!!

Two Bob-A-Cup

In an attempt to rationalise our expenses and income we have decided to start charging for tea and coffee for regular users and user groups at the centre. The charge will be a minimum (I0p per cup for everything). We are not going to enforce it by spending the whole time sitting by the tea and coffee and checking everyone as they take a cup. We hope that you will all take responsibility for your own consumption and pay up accordingly! Fruit juices and other strange beverages like apple cinamon herb tea(did you try that stuff? It was delicious) will also cost I0p a cup/glass.

FAREWELL

Well now that I sit down and try to write something about the fact that I will be leaving the centre at the end of June I am a little lost for words about how to describe the two and a half years that I have worked for the centre. So many things have happened since I sat in someone's living room above a shop in Powis St. one evening in November 1984. I am now sitting at a desk in the centre itself! There have been some pretty hairy moments and some very moving ones - too many to mention really. I don't think anyone who has been involved with the project over the years would say that it is has been easy. we have all been learning about how to set up a centre and how to run it effectively - and we are still learning. But I have definitely had high spots: seeing my mum sitting at a public AIDS meeting which I chaired; setting up the gay men's evenings and having the men that I wrote to individually writing back or phoning me within the first twenty four hours of getting my letter, that was very heart warming and the group has turned out just as friendly and as warm; seeing the four workers on a Channel four programme about the demise of the GLC; last years supper cabaret with many of the people who I had worked with over the year having fun and eating my cooking. Enough reminiscences! Before I go I want to thank some people for the help, encouragement, and work that they have given me over the two and a half years: both Alex and Steve my supervisors, thanks for listening and thinking with me; Trefor and Gale for helping me keep my sights high; Amanda, for keeping smart and smiling through; Tim and Bill for their co-operation and persistance on our behalf; lastly (though there are many more who have also made my job easier) my fellow workers. Thank you Maggie and Keith for putting the energy, time and creativity that you both bring to the job and for the way in which we all tried to make working together as enjoyable as possible. I had a good time, I learnt alot and I've made new friends.

Goodbye and good luck

David

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

SUMMER EDITION

OPENING TIMES OF THE CENTRE

Due to a 50% reduction in staff the remaining workers are unable to run the Centre 2-9pm Monday to Thursday. The lesbian, gay mens,and young peoples groups, currently meeting in the evenings will continue to be staffed. The Thursday Open Afternoon will be temporarily suspended as from the 9th July. We hope to be back in the full swing of things by mid September.

TALKING TO MACHINES

The temporary shortage of workers will mean that our ever friendly ansaphone will be working over time. Please try to leave your name, message, and telephone number, someone will get back to you as soon as possible or ring Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 6 and 8.30!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Lesbians on the Managment this year are Viv Betz,(treasurer), Alison Hastwick(secretary), and hopefully Joanna Hill(co-opted) after the next Open Meeting on Friday 3rd July at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road, SE10.

WE NOW HAVE AN ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT FOR 1987 IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US AND WE WILL SEND A COPY TO YOU.

*** CONTACT MAGGIE OR KEITH AT THE CENTRE ***

Third floor, 17 Bowater Road, Woolwich SE 18 316 5954

HOUSING IN SOUTH EAST LONDON

At the Centre we get most of our enquiries about housing and the lack of it. Well we hope to start mobilizing to do something about it, as a start we are holding a meeting at the Centre for lesbians on the I3th of July, the same night as the lesbian group at the Centre, there will be refreshments and after the meeting we meet up with the social roup and maybe go to the pub.
Ideas floated already are to set up a housing co-op for lesbians, or a flat sharing scheme or using the Centre as a focus for accomodation to let in Greenwich, Lewisam, Bromley etc.

RELAXATION CLASSES

These are women only and are to be attended on two consecutive Saturdays the I8th and 25th of July at the Centre. Lunch will be served cost £I.00 per person from I.00pm - 2.00pm. The two sessions will run from 2.00 - 3.30pm all lesbians welcome. Ring Maggie for more details.

ACCODATION WANTED FOR LESBIANS

There are two lesbians at present who have contacted the Centre desperate for somewhere to live. Can anyone help them outeither with permanent accomodation or or somewhere temporary. They applied separately and one lives at present in the Plumstead area and wants somewhere in this area, the other lesbian lives in Lewisham. Please contact the Centre if you can help them on 316 5954.

BROADWAY STUDIOS

Want to see theHot Doris Band again??? or missed them at our Supper Cabaret for the Greenwich Festival in May???
They are appearing at the Broadway Studios in Catford in July,and a group of lessb -ians are hoping to go along there on the i7th July, a Friday . If you would like to come along meet us at the Centre at 7.00pm and we'll go on from there or meet us down there, the performance starts at 8.30pm and ticket prices are £3/£1.50 unwaged. ADRESS:- The Broadway Studios, Catford Broadway, SE6. Phone 690 0002
The Studio is situated in the Lewisham Theatre Complex with it's own entrance in Catford Broadway.

SUNDAYS OUT!! SUMMERS HERE!!

The lesbian group are thinking of organising a few trips out to the sea side during the summer months. If you would be interested please get in touch with the Centre. Thoughts so far have been Southend, Sissinghurst and Brighton.

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

require two workres to join existing team. The posts involve devoloping the local centre and centre groups.

1) An Afro-Caribbean or Asian Lesbian with special responsibilities for youth work. Job share with white lesbian.

2) A gay man with special reponsibilities for developing gay men's work. Job share with black man.

Salary scale 6 (17½ hours weekly). Approx £5285 (inclusve london waiting) + 10% unsocial hours bonus (under reveiw).

This advert appears under section 5(2)(d) Race Relationns Act.

Closing date 17th July.

Phone or write to G.L.G.C.17,Bowater Rd, London, SE 18.
Tel: 316 5954 for job discription and application form.
G.L.G.C. has an equil opportunities policy

GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE

* NEW BEGINNINGS
* NEW IDEAS
* NEW WORKERS

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER '87'

GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE INFORMATIO

THE WORKERS ARE NOW:-

Maggie Honey
Keith Trotman
Colleen Humphreys
Ted Brown

ADRESS:-

Third floor, I7 Bowater Road,
Woolwich,
London, SEI8
phone:- 3I6 5954(during office hours & A/P)

HOURS: & GROUPS AT PRESENT

MONDAY-THURSDAY 2.00pm-8.50pm
MONDAY: LESBIAN GROUP 6.00pm-8.50pm
TUESDAY: GAY MENS GROUP 6.00pm-8.50pm
THURSDAY: LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH GROUP 5.00pm-8.50pm

OPEN MEETING & SOCIAL

These are held monthly on the first Friday of the month at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road, Greenwich SEIO. The meeting starts at 6.30pm and usually finishes around 9.00pm and we meet up in the bar upstairs. Everyone is welcome to come to the Open Meeting and contribute and put your feelings and ideas about the Centre across to the workers and Managment Commitee.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter goes out to all the people on the Centres mailing list and is at present a free service to give out Centre news and information about issues of interest to lesbians and g ay men in Greenwich and Lewisham. The Centre workers produce the newsletter the last week of the month at the Resource Centre in Woolwich. The Newsletter always needs contributions, ideas and helpers to help produce it on a regular basis, comments and critisms would also be welcome.

MANAGMENT COMMITEE

New members are required for the Managment Commitee of the Centre. Since the Annual General Meeting in June the newly elected chair has had to resign due to other commitments. The Comitee members are;- Viv Betz (Treasurer)
Alison Hustwick (Secretary)
Steve McMillan (Worker Liason Person)
Elizabeth McGowan (Worker Support Person)
Derek St.Louis (Worker Support Person)

(We have four places reserved on the M/C for co-options to represent minotity groups on the Commitee)

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 1987

The Centre has this produced a proper and fully illustrated report. There are lots of spare copies at the Centre, so if you want one you can get one if you let us Know!!

welcome back to new beginnings

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the newsletter and we hope you had a good summer and feel refreshed for the winter to come. Since David Simpson left in early July Maggie and Keith have managed to keep the Centre ticking over just about and the established groups have continued in the evenings, including David's Gay Mens Group which Keith kindly took over the running of temporarily.
In September we welcome two new workers, Colleen Humpreys who replaces Gill King who was dismissed in the spring and Ted Brown who replaces David Simpsom who lef t in July to become a freelance trainer.

new ideas for the months ahead

THE workers hope to be looking afresh at the Centre, it's resources and how these are being used/ under used and ways of re-organising the Centre so as to better use the space available as more demands are made on the Centre for diff erent groups needs for space, time and resources. We are at present tackling the accesibility for disabled people using the Centre and affiliating to Community Transport, based donnstairs from us, who have an accessible bus which we could use in lieu of getting our own next year. Maggie is also thinking of setting up another signing course with Mika Brojer at the Centre. Last time in 1985 the twelve week course was held at the Clockhouse Community Centre a very homophobic and not very successful venue, but very popular as it was specifically for lesbian and gay men.
Keith and Maggie are at present still looking into the possibility of purchasing a word processor and prior to this are overhauling the filing system and information index and doing a feasibility study of it's potential and usefulness.
Our Policy Statement is being proposed and voted on at the next Open Meeting and not before time, lots of other urgent issies at the Centre have meant it's being postponed until now. (We also including a statement on our non involvement with paedophiles and organisations who support them, an issue that has dogged the Greenwich Lesbian & Gay Rights Group and the Centre for so long.)
Events planned for the Autumn and Winter include a fundraising Jumble and Auction to raise funds for childrens play equipment and toys for users children at the Centre. Plus the setting up of a possible monthly Friday women only disco/social at Haddo Hall (venue for the supper cabaret) which is disabled access and available indefinately ,There is no licence for alchol sothere's been ideas floated for non-alcholic cocktails forsale and also safe transport and creche facilities provided.
We are hoping to have another big social event around Xmas time, so there's quite a few plans in the pipeline keep watching your newsletter!!!

INVITATION

to a meeting for all Lesbian and Gay Socialists in Lewisham

Recently a small group of Lesbian and Gay Labour Party members met and decided that there is a need for Lesbian and Gay Socialists to organise in Lewisham.

Nationally, the 1986 Labour Party Conference passed a resolution supporting Lesbian and Gay Rights with a majority of over two thirds. However, subsequent events such as the leaking of the Patricia Hewitt letter and the prominent anti gay stance of the Tories election campaign which was not effectively challenged by the Labour Party, shows that there are many within the Labour Movement who are prepared to marginalise or stamp out Lesbian and Gay issues. Electoral failure is being blamed on the so called "London Factor", which is code for the anti-racist, anti-sexist anti-heterosexist policies adopted by some Councils. Lesbian and Gay members of the Labour Party need a clear collective voice to argue against this.

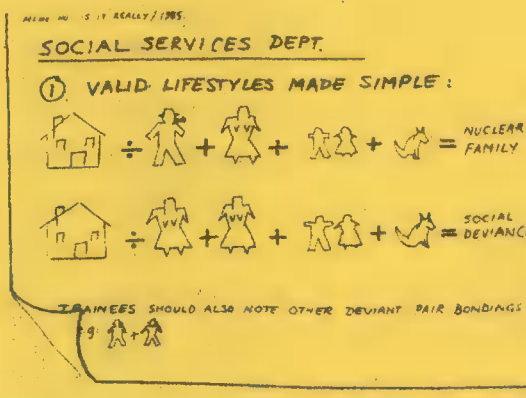
Locally, the Lewisham Labour Group has a manifesto committment to Lesbian and Gay Rights and has made some progress on the issue, due largely to the efforts of a small group of Councillors. The Council has held a massive consultation exercise to find out the needs and views of the Lesbian and Gay Community in Lewisham. Now we need to work to put the demands of the community into action. But this will need to be done at a time of massive cuts in local authority spending. If the Lesbian and Gay Community is to receive anything from the Labour Council Lesbian and Gay Labour Party members will have to fight hard over the coming months.

A meeting has therefore been arranged to launch a Lewisham Branch of the Labour Campaign for Lesbian and Gay Rights. We hope that all Lesbian and Gay Socialists living or working in Lewisham will be able to attend. If you want any further information contact Terry Clayworth on 852 7256 (Home), or 583 9264 (Work).

Sorry, there is no creche or childcare allowance available, but children are very welcome. The Meeting Room is wheelchair accessible but the toilets and the bar are not.

Speakers: Peter Tatchell

Anne Matthews (invited).



Sunday 20th September at 12.15pm

at The Labour Club, Limes Grove, SE13 Bar available

centre groups.

SOUTH EAST LONDON LESBIAN GROUP

The group is still meeting Monday evenings at the Centre and afterwards the Thames Barrier Pub. Recently the numbers have fallen with the old regulars but new members are coming along and publicity for the group is being improved at present.

OLDER LESBIANS GROUP

This is aproposed group to start late October for older lesbians in the Greenwich area. The groups aims would be to offer support and friendship to older lesbians who have either just come out or have been on the scene a long time. Maybe also to do planned sessions on topics and invite speakers in and arrange outings and days out and holidays along the lines of the Monday group.

groups.

INCEST SURVIVORS GROUP.

At the ALBANY Community Centre on alternate Mondays from August I7th at 7.30pm in the Health Project. All women welcomed ring 692 6268 for more information.

WOMENS NETWORK

Two meetings have so,far been held on July IIth and August 29th at a womens Place to discuss Womens Direct Action and to support it.

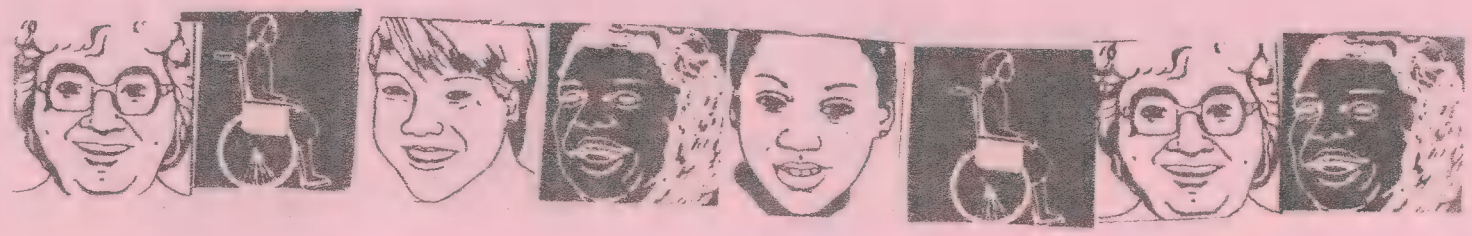
Direct Action is a means of making your views known and includes:-

-Writing letters

- Challenging other peoples views/ comments eg in conversation
-Phoning or writing to complain about sexist/ racist advertising or TV programmes
- Street Theatre.
- Spontaneous sit downs and pickets & much more.....

A LL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO COME TO MEETINGS HELD AT A WOMENS PLACE, HUNGERFORD HOUSE ENBA NKMENT Phone 960 67I5 or 836 608I

We are of no single political belief, butshare the aim of ending all womens opprersion Children are welcome at meetings. For more information contact a Womens Network c/o AWP, adress as bove for meetings on 836 608I.



new group starts despite protest

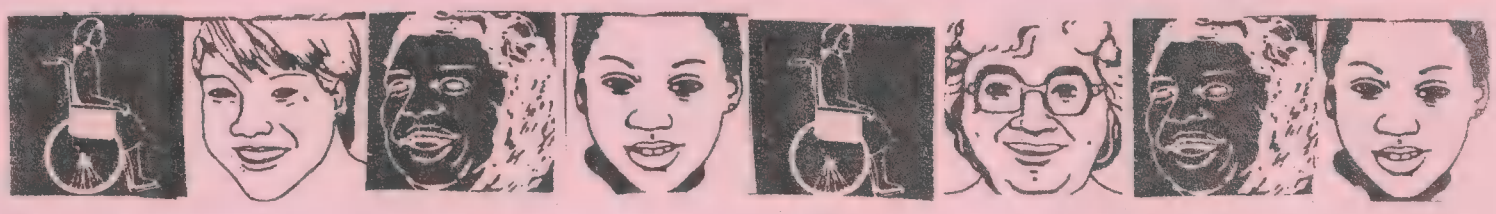
The launch of the newly formed Greenwich Lesbian Workers Group went off with a bang not a whimper. The groups first publicity notice attracted attention and got advertised in the Sun news paper cartoon slot, some joke there 'fairy godmother' after liberal/ SDP candidate Ted Cartwright recently calling our job advert a joke in the Mercury, Greenwich gets it again as a'loony left council'.
The support group was set up with the backing of Greenwich Council Womens Unit and becayse of this A CCTS Union of council employees then decided to boycott the Womens Unit and not service it at all. However they have had to swallow their homophobic attitudes because the Council has taken disciplinary action out on them as they're actions contravene the Equal Oppurtunities Policy of the Council which reconizes that lesbians face discrimination and harrasment in employment.
Lesbian and Gay Issues currently take up only a small part of Greenwich Council's total budget. Community Affairs funds the Lesbian and Gay Centre with a grant of £34,200 (includes salary for two job shared posts) which represents 0.021% of their total budget for Community Affairs and only 0.00002% of total Council expenditure in Greenwich itself.

The group plans to meet once a month during lunch hours and is for lesbians working in the public, private or voluntary sector in employment in the Borough. For more details ring the Womens Unit in the Council on 854 8888x Womens Unit.

fun and dance.

ALBANY EMPIRE, DOUGLAS WAY, DEPTFORD, SE8

Wednesday 9th September:- SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK return - the concert may well be sold out by now but give it a try anyway. Ring 691 8016 to book your tickets.
Saturday 19th September:- WOMEN ENTERTAINERS including Janice Perry insane one women cabaret of comedy, music, theatre and satire. Parker & Klein and I Reverie- new womens accepella group.
Sunday 27th September:- GRAND HIP HOP NIGHT featuring two female rap crews Twice as Nice and Rapture Crew.



LESBIAN WORKERS

maggie honey

Maggie has been working at the Greenwich Lesbian & Gay Rights Group & Centre since January 1985. She is the only remaining member of the original staff team left, Geoff Hardy left in 1986 and moved out of London, Gill King and David Simpson left earlier this year.

Her past work with the Centre involved setting up the weekly disco's at the Bell pub in Greenwich, setting up the South East London Lesbian Group, publicity and display work and doing lots of photo's for the Centre and the lesbian group, plus lots more....

Maggies interests include reading, astrology, photography,womens music art and culture and she is presently also helping out at A Womans Place until the end of October.

She hopes to set up a group for older lesbians at the Centre in the future and develop work with lesbians and gay men with children who are not using the Centre a lot at present.

Because of problems with her co-worker Maggie has had to work alone for various lenths of time so she is really looking forward tothe newelesbian worker starting and having a new co-worker for the future.

colleen humpreys

Colleen Humpreys the new worker is 22 and has worked in North London as a lesbian and gay outreach/ Development worker for the Harringay Youth Service Office. She is also involved in running the Camden Lesbian Group for the past year.

Her interests include sports(especially)football, music, reading and relaxing.
As to working at theCentre she says she is really looking forward to it and would like to develop work with black lesbians & gay men. Colleen would also like to work with incest survivors as there areso few groups groups or resources for them. Colleen would also like to examine the way we we are meeting or not meeting the needs of disabled lesbians and gays who use the Centre or do not, as the case may be; plus the accessibility of information by using braille and tape and making these available to users.

therapy.

HYPENOTHERAPY: Micele Barca does hypnotherapy and counselling for indivduals and couples about relationship problems, giving up smoking, phobia's and stress reduction and relaxation. She is a trained and qualified therapist with a lot of experience and lives in South London. Contact 859 6844 for more info. Her fees are £I5 individuals and £20 couples. Micele may be runningga weekend workshop at the Centre sometime in the future around the issues of women, anger and sexuality.

WOMENS THERAPY GROUP: In this group each women will have time to look at her life closely and to explore current issues in a supportive enviroment. The group is open to all women whatever your experience or not of a therapy group and everyone will be able to work at her own pace. The group starts on Wednesday Sept'87' at 80 Whitworth Road SEI8 and goes on for eight weeks. Contact 853 25IO for more details. Sessions are £8 a night, £32 deposit secures a place.

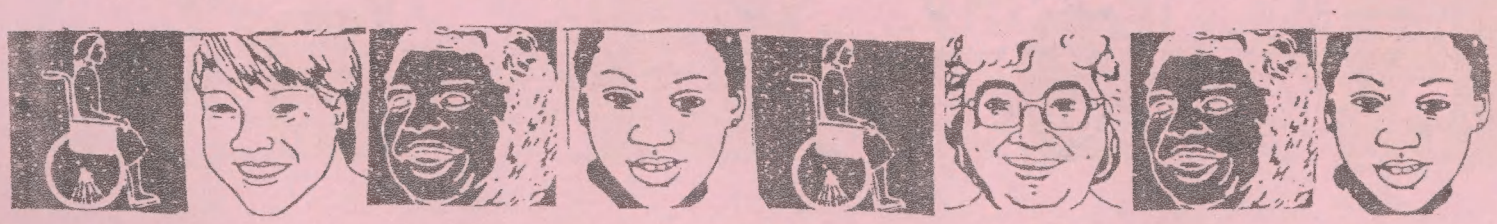
a womans place loses its funding.

This is to let women know that the central London Womens Centre'A Womens Place' has been threatened with closure, as they're funding has not been renewed as of November. They are hoping to keep the Centre open by fundraising efforts, donations and running it with volunteers once the paid workers leave at the end of October. They have use of the building where they are now until the lease comes up for review in January when the owner may try to put a commercial rent on the property, the Feminist Library is still based upstairs so the workers feel the building may still be around for a long while yet, as it would not be feasible to rent it out to a commercial firm.

The Centre is an invaluable and irreplacable resource for women in London and the country as a whole, not only as a drop-in centre for women and meeting place for valuable and neccasary support and campaigning groups but also provides a crucial information service. Not only do they receive numerous phone enquiries but also mail from all over the country and from abroad and they act as a postal address for many groups and organisatins without an dresss of their own that use the Centre as a base and focus.

Please support them, drop in, use the Centre even if you never before, volunteer to help if you've spare time, join the collective of the Centre.

Ring 836 608I for more information and details.



MISCELLANEOUS

Re-run of in the pink channel four

In September Channel Four are repeating the'In The Pink' season of lesbian and Gay films and videos with some new additions. Well worth catching so try not to miss them - but if you should there will be copies to view at the Centre. Will be on Mondays at II.00pm.

jumble & grrand auction

We want to make it a good one so please can we have your unwanted bits and pieces either deliver them to us or we will come to you. The jumble is planned for Oct. so can we have as near that time as possible, thanks!!!' Sale in aid of Kids toys for the Centre.

furniture for sale

Variety of asorted furniture for sale or free(all offers considered). On offer bed setee, bedside cabinet, kitchen table and two matching padded benches to go with it, and modern imitation pine wardrobe. Contact Centre if interested.

accomadation to let

Lesbian wanted for room in two bed flat, share with one other lesbian. Rent £40 per week(incl. bills) all mod cons, near Surrey Docks Tube. Ring 23I 2453 for details.

have you got a room in your place you want to let or need a place to rent

why not advertise with us for free every month???